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UDP vs. UDP in General Elections 2025

On Tuesday, January 21, 2024, self-proclaimed leader of the United Democratic Party Tracy Panton announced that Lee Mark Chang, a successful businessman but failed politician, would be contesting the Mesopotamia division for the UDP. The announcement was made at the just opened UDP headquarters in the Mesopotamia division, to a small crowd of supporters of what has been dubbed the Tracy Panton UDP.

Chang's role in the 2025 general elections, expected to be called very soon, was made clear at the onset by Panton. *"It is our view that this brave undertaking will effectively ensure that Shyne does not win in Mesop."* It is not expected, even by his colleagues, that Chang will be able to win the seat, considering his spectacular failures in other attempts to secure a political division. He has been offered merely as an option for UDP voters with the view that he will take away sufficient votes from Shyne Barrow to ensure a PUP victory.

The move, according to political observers, has further damaged the party and will likely chase away more of the few faithful voters who would have cast their vote for the UDP. What Panton has demonstrated, backed by her ever-present duo of John Saldivar and Patrick Saldivar, is an unadulterated greed for power. That greed has translated to the Panton faction of the UDP being willing to actively work toward its destruction – if they can't have the UDP, then nobody can have it.

Political observers also point to the fact that Panton has long criticized Shyne Barrow for being dictatorial, and for being unwilling to compromise or accept input. Yet, she has now shown herself to be as despotic as Barrow, proclaiming that if he is unwilling to accept her leadership, then he has to go, and she will do anything it takes to get him out.

On Tuesday, January 21, 2024, a Facebook post went up on UDP Belize, controlled by Shyne Barrow, stating that Jose Uk Espat would be running on the UDP ticket in the Albert division, contesting Panton who is currently Area Representative. His move is seen as a retaliation for Panton's placement of Lee Mark Chang in Mesopotamia. It is expected to serve the same purpose of taking votes away from Panton, guaranteeing a PUP victory in Albert.

It is important to note that despite repeated queries by the media, neither Panton nor Barrow has been able to provide a comprehensive list of candidates that will be running on their versions of the United Democratic Party. Yet both have steadfastly and emphatically proclaimed that they are ready for the election whenever it is called.

Persons inside both camps have reached out to the **Belize Times** to state their disenchantment with the party. They claim that the fight between Barrow and Panton is simply because both want their own way, and both are willing to break up the UDP rather than concede.

Both versions of the United Democratic Party are currently tied up in the Court system. The Court will be expected to render a decision on which is the valid UDP, and who the valid leader is. Panton has stated that she has also petitioned the Court to disallow Barrow from placing candidates in seats where there are already established standard bearers.

Many believe that the ruling of the Court will come after elections, and after the complete annihilation of both versions of the UDP. Both factions have decided to war against each other rather than participate in the democratic process of campaign and election, and all credible political observers and pundits are predicting a total sweep and resounding victory for the People's United Party.

School Feeding and WiFi Program Funding

GOB RECEIVES DISBURSEMENT UNDER THE 2023 BILATERAL COOPERATION GRANT FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN)

Belmopan, January 20, 2025.

Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño, Minister of Finance, Economic Development and Investment, has received a grant from the Ambassador of the Republic of China (Taiwan), H. E. Lily Li-Wen Hsu, in the amount of US$3 million. This represents the remaining disbursement under the 2023 Bilateral Cooperation Program between both countries.

The US$3 million will be used to reimburse the Government for expenses made under the National School Feeding Program and the Wi-Fi in Schools Program, as follows:

1. National Healthy Start School Feeding Program – US$950,000
2. Wi-Fi Internet in Schools Program – US$2,050,000

Both programs are ongoing initiatives by the Government of Belize that started in 2022. The Wi-Fi in Schools Program provides cost-effective, secure, high-speed internet access to teachers and students in the classroom in 197 schools nationwide. All 197 schools were successfully connected in March 2023. Since then, financing the program has included the annual cost of covering ongoing services such as monitoring, security, content filtering, and more. The US$2,050,000 will cover the cost of sustaining the program in the years 2023 and 2024.

Similarly, the National School Feeding Program continues to combat poverty and malnutrition in children, increasing school attendance and reducing hunger by providing a healthy meal daily to over 3,000 high school students and 5,000 primary school students countrywide. The US$950,000 will cover the cost of continuation of services that was expended under the initiative for the school year 2023 to 2024.

The Government of Belize remains grateful for the generous support that the Republic of China (Taiwan) has rendered to enable the successful continuation of these impactful initiatives for Belizean students. (release)

The disbursement of funds is a bolster to the millions government already places into the education of our future. Minister Fonseca in one term has done so much more than his predecessor who is in a mediocre category of past Ministers of Education. Only with the Itz'at Academy and paying 100 percent full salary of ALL teacher is enough to make Minister Fonseca a great Minister of Education. The people of Freetown can be seen puffing out their chest when they say my Area Representative is Francis. Many in Belize are also proud to say that about their Foreign Minister today. So as Education expeditiously moves towards what NHI is achieving this month, lots of credit goes to Minister Fonseca and his team at MoECST for turning around the way Education works for Belize.

High Court 2025 Opening

Judiciary: Transformative Reforms to Enhance Justice System

January 21, 2025 - The 2025 legal year began with the ceremonial opening of the High Court, underscoring significant strides in Belize's judicial system. Chief Justice Louise Blenman's address detailed transformative initiatives aimed at enhancing the efficiency and accessibility of justice while addressing persistent challenges.

A pivotal development in 2024 was the reduction of case backlogs. Through reforms like the establishment of a High Court in Belmopan, the appointment of additional judges, and the introduction of criminal mediation, the judiciary managed to decrease case delays, bringing waiting times for trials down significantly. "We no longer have cases as old as fourteen years on the dockets," Chief Justice Blenman noted, highlighting the impact

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BELIZE DEFENCE FORCE NEWS

Breaking Barriers and Shining Bright: Captain MC Martinez Earns Top Honors in General Surgery!

Captain MC Martinez has just completed a major milestone in her journey, presenting her thesis to conclude four years of rigorous training in General Surgery at the Hospital Central Militar in Mexico City. Not only has she completed this challenging chapter, but she has done so with the highest distinction—earning a "Mención Honorífica" for her exceptional work.

The BDF is beyond proud of Capt. Maria Josefina Martinez for her dedication, resilience, and leadership. She is a shining example of the strength and determination of women breaking barriers in every field." (post)

The BDF looks forward to seeing her continue to excel and are eager to welcome her back to assist in the Force, where she will undoubtedly continue making a difference. (post)

Captain Martinez joins the gracious list of females who are leading the way in making Belize a better place. The planBelize government did not do this directly but indirectly its policies of pushing ALL Belizeans is paying dividends in the improvement of lives all people's no discrimination. We are all tasked to work and get employed and to build Belize.

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EDITORIAL

UDP APOCALYPSE

According to a news report on Channel 7, a UDP insider has stated that the events of Tuesday are a 'UDP apocalypse,' the end of the world for that party, or something very close to it. There are very few who would argue that conclusion, but there are some who could argue, with some credibility, that the end of the UDP, or at least its unravelling, happened long ago.

On Tuesday, for context, Tracy Panton's version of the United Democratic Party announced that perennial loser Lee Mark Chang would be running in Mesopotamia. Panton, who seemed unusually spunky and energized, proclaimed that the sole reason for putting Chang on the slate was to unseat Shyne Barrow. She opined that the only way the UDP would move forward would be without Barrow at the helm, or indeed anywhere in the party. Chang, then, would be the token candidate put in place solely to grab UDP votes from Barrow.

Meanwhile, as that event was occurring, Shyne Barrow's version of the United Democratic Party announced that Doctor Jose Uk Espat, every bit as real a medical practitioner as the famous Doctor Sutherland, would be contesting in Albert. Shyne did not go so far as to state that his intention was to take away UDP votes in Albert from Panton. But that will inevitably happen.

The United Democratic Party has fallen very far and very hard indeed.

One version of the party is led by Shyne Barrow, a convicted felon and deportee who had a very brief stint as an emerging rapper over two decades ago. He is a megalomaniac and a narcissist, which would suggest that the apple indeed does not fall far from the tree. His arrogance dictates that it is his way or the highway, and his personal fortune about which he boasts incessantly, has been sufficient for him to surround himself with an assorted crowd of sycophants sucking at the Barrow bubby. He has been unable to present a slate of thirty-one candidates, for the simple reason that he can't.

The other version of the party is led by Tracy Panton, an uninspiring candidate whose time as a UDP Minister in the last administration was unremarkable. She claims to be the saviour of the party that will lead it out of the darkness into the light. That is interesting indeed, considering that she is backed by an unsavoury cast of characters largely considered to be the worst of the last UDP administration. Her chief political strategist, John Saldivar, earned a designation of 'significantly corrupt' from the US State Department, and was kicked out of the UDP Cabinet. On Panton's right hand is Patrick Faber, an alleged woman beater with admitted 'anger management' issues. And they are possibly not even the worst of the lot backing Panton, hungry for another try at the trough of government.

In a nutshell, the electorate is left with nothing where the UDP is concerned. There is no faint glimmer of hope in either of the two manifestations of the United Democratic Party. There is nothing to inspire a voter. Nothing to warrant any consideration. Weeks away from an election, neither UDP has presented a slate or a platform. Neither UDP has even briefly touched on matters of governance or policy. Neither UDP has done any work on the ground, except against each other. And neither UDP will ever be able to convince any voter that they are an option.

For all intents and purposes, the United Democratic Party is dead. That is not a statement born of presumption or arrogance. It is simple a statement of fact. The UDP is dead.

EDITORIAL

en Español

APOCALIPSIS DEL UDP

Según un reportaje de Channel 7, una persona de dentro del UDP ha declarado que los acontecimientos del martes son un «apocalipsis del UDP», el fin del mundo para ese partido, o algo muy cercano a ello. Hay muy pocos que discutirían esa conclusión, pero hay algunos que podrían argumentar, con cierta credibilidad, que el fin del UDP, o al menos su colapso, ocurrió hace mucho tiempo.

El martes, por ejemplo, la versión de Tracy Panton del Partido Unido Democrático anunció que el eterno perdedor Lee Mark Chang se presentaría en Mesopotamia. Panton, que parecía inusualmente enérgica, proclamó que la única razón para incluir a Chang en la lista era desbancar a Shyne Barrow. Opinó que la única forma de que el UDP avanzara sería sin Barrow al timón, o de hecho en cualquier lugar del partido. Chang, entonces, sería el candidato simbólico colocado únicamente para arrebatar votos del UDP a Barrow.

Mientras tanto, la versión de Shyne Barrow del Partido Unido Democrático anunciaba que el doctor José Uk Espat, tan médico como el famoso doctor Sutherland, se presentaría a las elecciones de Albert. Shyne no llegó a afirmar que su intención fuera arrebatar a Panton los votos del UDP en Albert. Pero eso ocurrirá inevitablemente.

El Partido Democrático Unido ha caído muy lejos y muy duro.

Una versión del partido está liderada por Shyne Barrow, un delincuente convicto y deportado que tuvo un brevísimo paso como rapero emergente hace más de dos décadas. Es un megalómano y un narcisista, lo que sugiere que la manzana no cae lejos del árbol. Su arrogancia le dicta que es a su manera o te vas, y su fortuna personal, de la que alardea sin cesar, le ha bastado para rodearse de una variada multitud de aduladores que chupan de la burbuja de Barrow. Ha sido incapaz de presentar una lista de treinta y un candidatos, por la sencilla razón de que no puede.

La otra versión del partido está liderada por Tracy Panton, una candidata poco inspiradora cuyo paso como ministra del UDP en la última administración fue poco memorable. Afirma ser la salvadora del partido que lo sacará de la oscuridad para llevarlo a la luz. Resulta interesante, teniendo en cuenta que está respaldada por un desagradable elenco de personajes considerados en gran medida como lo peor de la última administración del UDP. Su principal estratega político, John Saldivar, fue calificado de «significativamente corrupto» por el Departamento de Estado de EE.UU. y expulsado del Gabinete del UDP. A la derecha de Panton está Patrick Faber, un presunto maltratador de mujeres con problemas de «control de la ira». Y posiblemente no sean ni siquiera los peores de los que apoyan a Panton, hambrientos de otro intento en el comedero del gobierno.

En resumen, el electorado se queda sin nada en lo que respecta al UDP. No hay ni un atisbo de esperanza en ninguna de las dos manifestaciones del Partido Unido Democrático. No hay nada que inspire al votante. Nada que justifique ninguna consideración. A semanas de las elecciones, ninguno de los dos partidos ha presentado una lista o una plataforma. Ninguno de los dos ha abordado siquiera brevemente cuestiones de gobernanza o política. Ninguno de los dos ha trabajado sobre el terreno, salvo unos contra otros. Y ninguno de los dos podrá convencer a ningún votante de que son una opción.

A todos los efectos, el Partido Unido Democrático está muerto. No es una afirmación nacida de la presunción o la arrogancia. Es simplemente un hecho. El UDP está muerto.

RIVA BATTAM

Mess Up

The battle is on for the division of Mesopotamia. Word out of Jamal's camp is that the rapper turned felon turned politician hasn't been so panicked since the first time he dropped the soap in the federal pen. Lee Mark Chang has never won an election in his life, and he won't win this one, but he has enough money to do Jamal some serious damage in the division. He was already in more trouble than he realized, with his former street general Yellowman actively campaigning against him in Mesop. With Chang in the mix and a solid PUP candidate doing the work, Jamal's goose is cooked. A loss in Mesop doesn't only mean the end of his political career. It means that he will lose his diplomatic passport and that means no more travel to the US. We're not exactly counting out the fellow just yet, but let's just say the fat lady is already standing in front of the mic.

Contempt

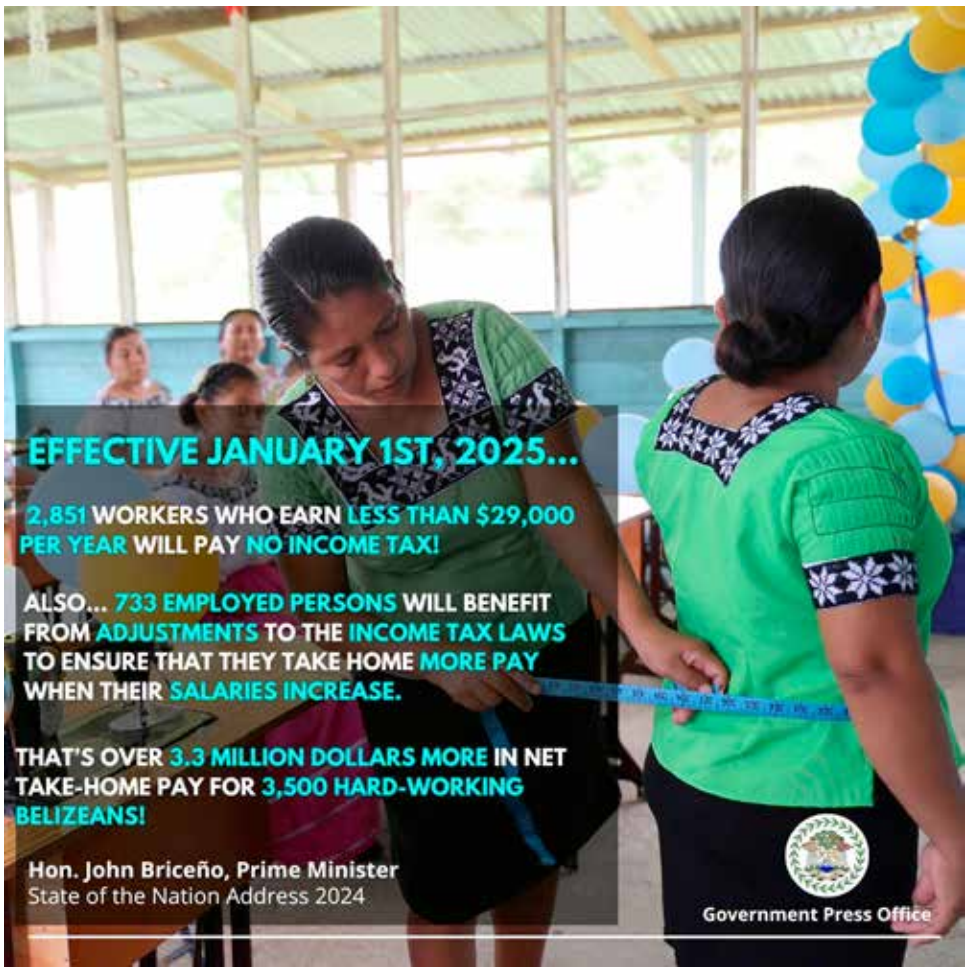
It's not that we want to be unkind to Tracy. We've tried our best to be supportive and sweet because she was a good good PUP back in the days. From some of the moves she makes she still seems like a good good PUP, but that's a story for another time. Anyway, Tracy steps up to the microphone and announces that she is asking the Court to stop Jamal from putting candidates in places where there are already standard bearers in place. She presents this like it is a brilliant move. Thing is, she does this at the campaign launch for Lee Mark Chang, who she is putting in place to contest Jamal in Mesop. So she is petitioning the Court to stop Jamal from doing exactly what she is doing. We all know how that will work out. If we were the judge, we'd slap both of them with contempt charges for being so damn stupid and petty and greedy for power. Silly rabbits. Tricks are for kids.

Omar

Both Jamal and Tracy might be getting a very unpleasant surprise very soon. Reliable word out of the Cayo North UDP camp is that Omar Figueroa has decided to step out of the race completely and will be making the official announcement soon. A source very close to Figueroa has said that the pressure for him to step down is coming from family members who don't want him to take another loss in politics. More and more people have been coming to the realization that the UDP is more dead than alive, and with each day the chance of a complete sweep becomes more credible. Seems that Figueroa's family prefers that he step out gracefully before elections than to take another loss under the UDP. The candidate in Corozal Bay already walked away, and we are told that there will be more bad news for Jamal and Tracy in the days ahead.

Hot tea

Some very serious shush has been gaining some momentum lately. You guys remember those three vehicles that were burned to a crisp in Belize City early one morning? Well it seems, according to one of our Police sources, that the investigation is suggesting that the bizarre arson was motivated by a beef over land. And this is where it gets interesting. It seems that a lot of land was put in somebody's name by a former UDP Minister, with the understanding of it being a temporary transfer, so to speak. And when the time came for the former Minister to get his hands on those lands, allegedly worth millions, the beneficiary of the 'temporary transfer' wasn't forthcoming. We're being very cagey with this one for now, but we all know that what is in the dark will come to light. Wait for it.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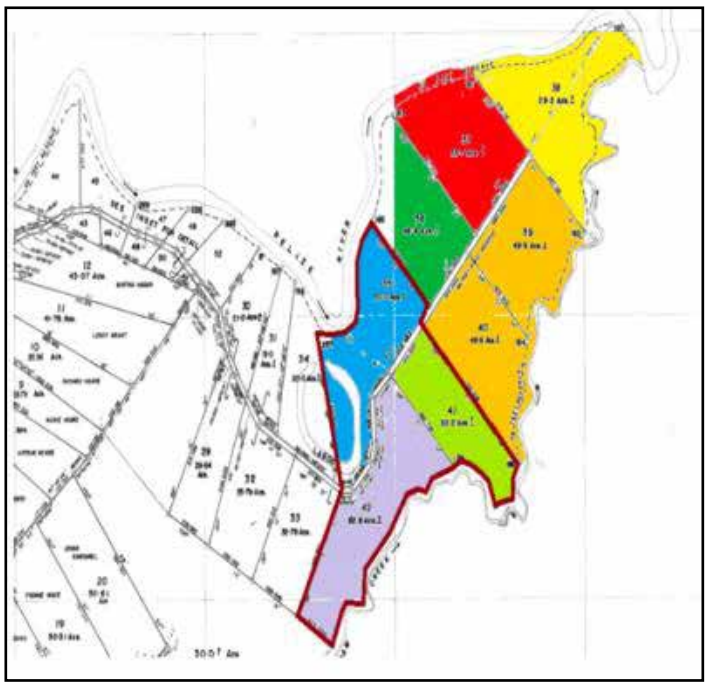

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Independent Financial Literacy and Digital Financial Awareness Survey

Belize City, 16 January 2025: The Central Bank of Belize (Central Bank) notifies the public that it has contracted PPF Capital Limited to conduct an independent survey to assess financial literacy and digital financial awareness in the country. This initiative is a part of the Central Bank's continued financial education and inclusion efforts.

The team from PPF Capital will reach out to members of the public across the country to gather insights that will inform the Central Bank's strategic goal of modernizing the digital financial services ecosystem.

We encourage the public to participate in this survey and assure you that responses will be treated with strict confidentiality.

For more information, please contact telephone (501) 223-6194 or info@centralbank.org.bz.

Thank you for your valuable contribution.

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CARTOON

LOO VS LEE
UDP LEE MESSOR'S CANDIDATE
MARK WILL BEAT SHYNE
UDP WILL LOSE
WE ONLY FOOL! PUP GOT THE PEOPLE
UDP DEM SHAME LESS
MADAS NO DONORS? SO WHY I DIH RUN?
LEE SACRIFICE CANDIDATE
THANKS GOD FOR THE PUP
WEH DI FRY CHICKEN?

Inauguration of the Andrés Campos Civic Center

COLLABORATION IN COROZAL

A Proud Moment for Corozal!

Sunday January 19, 2024 saw the official re-opening of the newly renovated Andres Campos Civic Center and multi-purpose building in Corozal Town. This project which is a huge milestone accomplishment for the citizens and sporting enthusiasts in Corozal town was spearheaded by funds earmarked by Belize Water Services Ltd. through the advocacy of the Minister of Youth, Sports and Transport the Honorable Rodwell Ferguson the Chairman of BWS Mr. Cornelio Acosta and the Director of National Sport Council Additional Funds, resources and support came from Standard Bearer for Corozal Bay Thea Ramirez, Hon Florencio Marin, Mayor Rigo Vellos and the Corozal Town Council

Also in attendance for the re-opening was the Honorable Ramiro Ramirez, David Castillo, Chairman of the National Sports Council Mr. Linsford Castillo and NSC Director Ms. Iris Centeno. The estimated value of the renovation is upwards of $180,000 BZ. It is the mandate of the Minister of Sports and the National Sports Council to continue to seek these partnerships, such as this one with BWS, to fund the improvement of sports in Belize...to help the dream of the Belizean athlete to be realized.

Today, Corozal celebrated the Inauguration of their Andrés Campos Civic Center, a significant step forward for sports, youth, and community growth in Corozal. This milestone is a testament to the dedication and collaboration of many passionate individuals and organizations who believe in the power of sports to unite and inspire!

A heartfelt thank you to Minister Hon. Rodwell Ferguson for his determination and vision in making this project a reality. His commitment to creating opportunities and spaces for community development has truly made a difference.

A huge thank you to Belize Water Services for truly delivered on their commitment to sports, and to the National Sports Council of Belize whose hard work played a key role in this success.

Standard Bearer for Corozal Bay, Thea Garcia Ramirez: *"Together, we're building a Corozal Bay we can all be proud of"*

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Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District; Belmopan City, Cayo District

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Expansion of the IGNACIA CACHO PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Ministry of Education, Culture, Science and Technology was in Dangriga on January 22 to officially open the newly built 2nd Floor Expansion of the IGNACIA CACHO PUBLIC LIBRARY. This new floor brings culture, education and technology to the library and provides a community space for creativity and learning.

Minister of MoECST Francis Fonseca: "Our deepest gratitude to Mr. Cornelius Pat Cacho and his family for their generous donation to this project."

Also, he gave honorary mention to a special visitor, "We were honored to be joined by former PM Rt. Hon. Said Musa."

The Hon. Louis Zabaneh was also present as area representative and Minister of State in the same Ministry. Hon. Xabaneh also acknowledged the present of the ex-Prime Minister.

This government pushes all the little buttons to make sure our Belize excels. Libraries are one of those intangibles that are necessary in Belizean progress. The older persons in Belize will appreciate that these institutions are markedly different to what libraries had in the past. Today in Belize these house new USpace hubs or even Digital Connect Centers.

Learning is of optimal importance in the development of Belize.

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NATIONAL CLEAN-UP DAY 2025 A HUGE SUCCESS!

Belizeans came together for National Clean-Up Day, a collaborative initiative aimed at fostering a cleaner, healthier environment. In Belize City, the Council in partnership with the Department of the Environment (DOE), Ministry of Infrastructure, Development, and Housing, and Pathlight International, the campaign brought a transformative facelift to the Pickstock Street and Lovely Lane areas in Belize City's Fort George constituency.

Mayor Bernard Wagner, along with Council Members, over 50 Pathlight scholarship students, Youth Shadow Council members, and government staff, joined forces to remove over 25 loads of waste. Beyond the physical cleanup, the campaign emphasized education and sustainability, as Youth Shadow Council members and Pathlight International representatives engaged residents on proper waste disposal and green practices.

Chief Environmental Officer Anthony Mai underscored the symbolic significance of this nationwide effort, stating, "We want to show Belize that we love our country. This is not a one-day event but a step toward ensuring a cleaner Belize for the future."

Hon. Orlando Habet, Minister of Sustainable Development and Climate Change, also praised the initiative, highlighting its cultural and environmental importance. "This is not just about cleaning our streets—it's about building a culture of environmental responsibility across our beautiful country."

Thanks to volunteers across Belize, over 182,000 items were cleared from our environment and properly disposed of. This year's theme, **"Our Belize. Our Responsibility. Bin It,"** was brought to life through the dedication of individuals and groups who stepped up to protect our beautiful country.

Their teamwork and commitment show that together, we can make a powerful impact. Let's keep the momentum going—every effort counts in keeping Belize clean and vibrant!

DATA COLLECTION VIA APP

Here's a breakdown of the data collected:

Today, we completed an incredible effort—National Clean Up Day in Belize! Volunteers from every corner of our beautiful country came together to make a difference. Over 100 groups and more than 3,000 individuals—ranging from large teams to smaller, family-led groups—worked tirelessly to protect our natural resources.

This initiative was not just about cleaning up; it was a powerful reminder of the collective responsibility we all share in preserving our land, air, and waters. Through the **"Our Belize. Our Responsibility. Bin It!"** campaign, we have taken a huge step forward in fostering a deeper sense of civic pride and environmental stewardship across the nation.

A huge THANK YOU to all of our partners, collaborators, and donors who helped make this event a success: Department of the Environment | Belize Solid Waste Management Authority | Oceana | Ocean Conservancy | Belize Recyclers Association | Scouts Association of Belize | The Blue Bond and Performance Unit | Ministry of Infrastructure, Development and Housing | Bio Pack

Your unwavering support was instrumental in bringing this vision to life.

A key part of today's clean-up was the use of the **Clean Swell App**, which helped us track and collect valuable data on the waste we removed. Once all groups have completed entering their data, we'll be sharing the results next week. We're excited to analyze this information and use it to improve future clean-up efforts.

Today, we took a big step toward protecting Belize's natural beauty for generations to come. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this vital cause! Together, we've made a tangible difference. (Message from Ministry of Sustainable Development and Climate Change)

Editor: The volume of pictures is truly breath-taking. The age of the persons in the pictures vouch well for the future and confirm that we have an education system and cycle that is commendable. Not all people are littering but there is enough to dirty our roadsides, beaches, and parks. Let us collectively try to create less garbage by recycling when possible and place what has to be thrown away where the bins are in place. **"Our Belize. Our Responsibility. Bin It!"**

Judiciary: Transformative Reforms to Enhance Justice System

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of these reforms.

The judiciary also implemented the Senior Civil Procedure Rules 2025, streamlining case management and dispute resolution. These efforts were bolstered by the resuscitation of the mediation committee and training of court-connected mediators. According to the Chief Justice, these measures have reduced the average time individuals spend on remand, reflecting a marked improvement in judicial efficiency.

Looking ahead, the judiciary plans to introduce a professional court administration plan with assistance from the PACE Justice Program. Efforts are underway to digitalize court registries and explore ethical applications of artificial intelligence to alleviate administrative challenges. However, challenges remain, particularly in the appellate court, where the lack of trial transcripts has hindered progress. To address this, funding has been secured for a speech-to-text system to expedite transcript production.

Attorney General Anthony Sylvestre announced a forthcoming Bail Act to consolidate fragmented legislation and introduce reforms, such as an appeals process and detailed guidelines for bail applications. These changes aim to enhance transparency and coherence in the judicial process.

Chief Justice Blenman also acknowledged government support, particularly the Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing, for refurbishing court facilities with modern amenities. President of the Bar Association, William Lindo, praised the judiciary's achievements, describing them as "remarkable" under the Chief Justice's leadership.

Another highlight was the automatic expungement of certain first-time offences, introduced through amendments to the Criminal Records Act. Effective since November 2024, individuals convicted of minor cannabis or COVID-19-related offences can now apply for expungement, promoting rehabilitation and reducing barriers to reintegration.

The reforms reflect a coordinated effort between the judiciary and government to modernize Belize's legal system, ensuring justice is delivered more efficiently and accessible to all. With ambitious plans for 2025, the judiciary remains committed to overcoming challenges and fostering public trust in the rule of law.

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ANNOUNCEMENT: CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

Simpson's Insurance Agency Limited (SIAL) is thrilled to announce the appointment of Donna-Marie Dennis as the Chief Operating Officer, effective January 1st 2025.

Hailed originally from Trinidad, Donna-Marie is a Chartered Property & Casualty Underwriter as well as the holder of an Associate in Risk Management and Master of Science in Strategic Leadership & Management and has over 2 decades of experience in the Property & Casualty industry being directly involved in a multinational environment at a corporate level. Her last two assignments allowed her to work and be directly involved in the transformative efforts to attain organizational efficiency in The Bahamas as well as to actively collaborate with the core functions to attain operational excellence within the British Virgin Islands.

Donna-Marie brings a wealth of knowledge in business continuity, catastrophe management, compliance, process optimization and risk management. She has a keen drive to exploit innovative initiatives and champions fostering a safe working culture that engages staff, as she believes they are the key ingredients to building an unbreakable foundation to enjoy sustainable success. Her skill set and qualities are viewed as the intellectual asset required to enhance our operations to soar in 2025 and beyond.

SIAL extends a warm welcome as we partner our efforts and embark on this transformative journey.

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Official Opening
Department of Youth Services PG Branch

January 20, 2025 - The Ministry of Youth, Sports, and Transport proudly announces the official opening of the Department of Youth Services (DYS) Punta Gorda Branch. Located at the corner of Prince and Olgaldez Street, this facility is a testament to the Ministry's commitment to fostering youth development and empowerment in the Toledo District.

The new DYS branch is more than just a building; it is a hub of opportunity and growth. The facility offers youth-focused initiatives such as skills development, career counseling, and community engagement activities, all designed to provide vital resources and programs. By expanding its reach, the Ministry is creating a pathway for young people to unlock their full potential and actively contribute to Belize's progress.

The opening ceremony celebrated collaboration and progress. It featured inspiring remarks from distinguished stakeholders, a tour of the facility, and a preview of innovative programs to nurture leadership, creativity, and resilience among the nation's youth.

During the ceremony, Hon. Rodwell Ferguson, Minister in the Ministry of Youth, Sports, and Transport, Hon. Oscar Requena, Area Representative of Toledo West, and Hon. Osmond R. Martinez, Area Representative of Toledo East, each delivered speeches underscoring the shared commitment to youth development. Additionally, certificates of recognition were presented to boat captains to acknowledge of their contributions. The event concluded with formal closing remarks by Mayor Carlos Galvez, followed by a ceremonial ribbon-cutting to mark the official inauguration of the new branch.

The ministry extends gratitude to the public, community leaders, and partners who stand together in championing this cause. Through collective effort, a brighter future is being built, empowering Belizean youth with the tools, support, and opportunities needed to thrive.

Official Opening
The Department of Transport in Independence

The Department of Transport announces the inauguration of its new office at the George Murray Bus Terminal in Independence. This milestone marks a significant advancement in the Department's mission to provide accessible services and ensure efficient management of motor vehicles and road traffic across Belize.

The official opening ceremony, held on January 17, 2025, was attended by distinguished officials, community leaders, and members of the public. The event featured a formal ribbon-cutting ceremony, remarks from key stakeholders, and a guided tour of the new facility.

The Independence Office now offers a full range of essential services, including:

1. Vehicle Registration
2. Issuance of Driving Licenses
3. Issuance of Motor Vehicle Licenses
4. Traffic Management
5. Traffic Enforcement

Hon. Rodwell Ferguson, Minister of Youth, Sports, and Transport, emphasized the importance of the new office, highlighting it as a testament to improving access and convenience for residents. He described the project as a milestone demonstrating prog-

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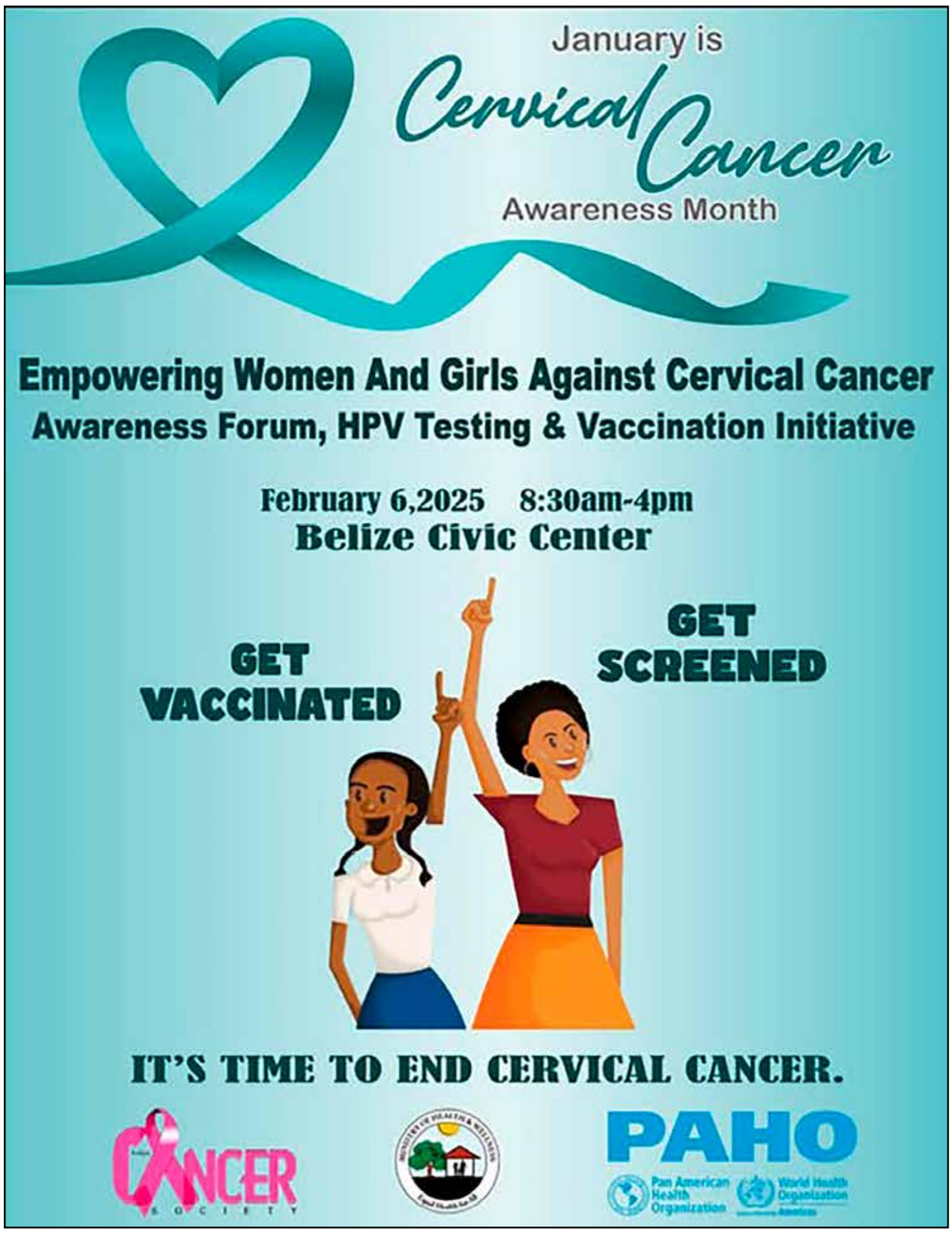

NWC and Taiwan Technical Mission in Northern Belize

Animation Bootcamp Awards 76 Participants

The Office of the Prime Minister and Ministry of Investment, through its Investment Policy and Compliance Unit (IPCU), in collaboration with the Taiwan Technical Mission and the National Women's Commission, presented awards to 76 participants who completed the Animation Bootcamp in the Corozal, Orange Walk, and Belize Districts.

The Animation Bootcamp was hosted in Corozal Town from July 17 to July 26; in Belize City from July 5 to August 5; and in Orange Walk from August 8 to August 16. It comprised three in-person classes and three online. The primary objective of the bootcamp was to provide women with basic digital skills in graphic art and animation, enabling them to produce animated short films. The demand for these skills is growing across the Orange Economy in industries such as film, education, television, gaming, advertising, and marketing.

From the 76 participants, 19 women and girls entered the animation contest. Ms. Sogelyn Cabrera was awarded first place. Second place was shared by Ms. Ayanna Leslie and Ms. Inmaculada Sanchez, while Ms. Priscilla Acosta was awarded third place.

Present at the award ceremony were Hon. Kevin Bernard, Minister in the Ministry of Health and Wellness; H.E. Ms. Lily Li-Wen Hsu, Ambassador of Taiwan to Belize; Mrs. Narda Garcia, Chief Executive Officer in the Office of the Prime Minister, Investment, and Civil Aviation; Ms. Yu-Hsien Yeh, Division Chief of Latin American and Caribbean in Technical Cooperation Department, TaiwanICDF; Mr. Yen-Chih Wang, Assistant Specialist of Latin American and Caribbean Division in Technical Cooperation Department, TaiwanICDF; Mrs. Thea Garcia-Ramirez, President of National Women's Commission; Deputy Mayor Mr. Cadir Escalante of Orange Walk Town; Mr. Lincoln Blake, Director of IPCU; Ms. Seidi Quetzal, Foreign Service Officer at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade; Ms. Jill Cai, Project Manager at Taiwan Technical Mission; and Mr. Jeavon Sanker, Animation Instructor, Creative Imageries Animation Studios.

The Investment Policy and Compliance Unit in the Office of the Prime Minister and Investment expresses gratitude to all partners for the successful implementation of the Animation Bootcamp. Through such initiatives, the Government of Belize is fostering economic activity and creating opportunities in the Orange Economy. A special thanks goes to the National Women's Commission for their ongoing collaboration in developing skill-building programs for women and girls. (Release)

The Department of Transport in Independence

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ress and his commitment to advancing Belize's transport sector while expressing gratitude to all contributors to its success.

Chief Executive Officer Valentino Shal underscored the Department's vital role in delivering essential services to Independence and surrounding villages, ensuring reliable and efficient community support.

The Department of Transport remains committed to ensuring safety, efficiency, and sustainability within Belize's transport sector. By delivering these services, the Department continues to play a crucial role in fostering economic growth, enhancing mobility, and improving the well-being of citizens.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Quickstop Finance Center Pioneers Regional Expansion,
Unlocking Access to Credit For The Caribbean Majority**

Belize City, Belize – [December 13, 2024] – Quickstop Finance Center (Quickstop), a leading provider of innovative, digital-first solutions designed to expand access to credit for underserved communities, proudly announces the successful launch of its operations in Barbados — an exciting milestone in its journey toward international expansion. Quickstop was established in 2006 to address the need for Belizeans to access financing in a friendly community-banking atmosphere. Our mission is to empower communities through accessible, customer-focused financial solutions.

This expansion highlights Quickstop's commitment to growth while establishing it as the first Belizean-owned finance company to extend its operations within the Caribbean. It reflects Quickstop's dedication to advancing Belizean entrepreneurship on a broader, international scale.

"Our expansion here is a testament to our dedication to serving the Caribbean region, one community at a time. We are thrilled to bring our expertise to Barbados and look forward to creating lasting economic impact." – Shamira Young, Senior Director of Operations

Barbados Operations
The Barbados branch is strategically located within the Satjay Bridgetown Centre, ensuring exceptional accessibility and convenience for customers. Alongside its physical presence, Quickstop offers a comprehensive cyber suite of online and phone-based services, enabling customers to access financing anytime, anywhere. The company provides a range of financial solutions, including short-term and installment loans, tailored to meet the diverse needs of individuals seeking fast and reliable financing when they need it the most.

For more information about CRNCY Group, visit www.crncy-group.com

CRNCY Group is dedicated to unlocking fast, accessible credit for everyone where traditional systems fail to keep pace with modern needs. The group has 120 employees and has served over 40,000 customers and lent out over $200 million dollars in loans.

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Currency Design Revealed Modern & More Secure

The Value of the Belize Dollar is the Same

Belize has a new design for our currency notes. The highlight and focus is on the picture of National Heroes George Price on the 100, 20, and 5 and Philip Goldson on the 50, 10 and 2. The stage for the Design Reveal was set at the Belize Civic Center and the audience in person and virtually were eager to see history. Everyone was ready to get the first glimpse of the secret that was second most coveted on the national stage; the first is when is the election 2025 date.

The designers De La Rue highlighted the Security, Durability and Inspiration that were designed to portray. The visually impaired are able to handle the notes due to its texture. They ended with the statement that echoed that holders of the new bill would in effect be holding Belizean history.

New $2 banknote

The new $2 banknote features waterfalls and rivers of Belize imagery, along with the portrait of the Hon. Philip Goldson, national hero of Belize.

Waterfalls and rivers of Belize imagery featured on the $2 note:

- Antelope Waterfall, Mayflower Bocawina National Park, featured as the front center image
- Black Orchid (Prosthechea Cochleata), featured on the PureImage Thread
- Sapodilla Waterfall, Elijio Panti National Park, featured as the back left image
- 1000 Foot Falls featured as the back center image

New $5 banknote

The new $5 banknote features historical buildings of Belize imagery, along with the portrait of the Rt. Hon. George Cadle Price, national hero of Belize.

Historical buildings of Belize imagery featured on the $5 note:

- National Assembly Building, featured as the front center image
- Top of the Belize City Supreme Court, featured on the PureImage Thread
- Belize City Peninsula and Haulover Creek, featured as the back upper image
- Supreme Court Building, Belize City, featured as the back center image
- St. John's Cathedral, Belize City, featured as the back right image

New $10 banknote

The new $10 banknote features birds of Belize imagery, along with portrait of the Hon. Philip Goldson, national hero of Belize.

Birds of Belize featured on the $10 note:

- Green Heron (Butorides Virescens), featured as the front center image
- Scarlet Macaw, featured on the holographic foil strip
- Keel-Billed Toucan, national bird of Belize, featured on the back security thread and the back left image
- Long-Billed Hermit Hummingbird, featured as the back center image
- Scaly-Breasted Hummingbird, featured as the back right image

New $20 banknote

The new $20 banknote features Belize's jungle life imagery, along with portrait of the Rt. Hon. George Cadle Price, national hero of Belize.

The jungle life imagery includes:

- Baird's Tapir, national animal of Belize, featured as the front center image
- Blue Morpho Butterfly, featured on the holographic foil stripe
- Jaguar (Panthera onca), featured as the back center image
- Green Iguana, featured as the back right image

New $50 banknote

The new $50 banknote features archaeological attractions of Belize imagery, along with portrait of the Hon. Philip Goldson, national hero of Belize.

Archaeological attractions featured on the $50 note:

- Mask Temple, Lamanai, featured on the holographic foil stripe and the front center image
- Top of Caana, Caracol, featured as the back left image
- Xunantunich Maya Ruin, featured as the back center image
- Segment of the Xunantunich East Freize, featured as the back right image

New $100 banknote

The new $100 banknote features marine attractions and aquatic life of Belize imagery, along with portrait of the Rt. Hon. George Cadle Price, national hero of Belize.

Marine attractions and aquatic life imagery featured on the $100 note:

- Queen Triggerfish (Balistes Vetula), featured as the front center image
- Hawksbill Sea Turtle, featured on the holographic foil stripe and as the back left image
- Great Blue Hole, featured as the back background image
- Nurse Shark (Ginglymostoma Cirratum) featured as the back right image
- Pair of French Angelfish, featured as the back lower right image
- Grooved Brain Coral (Diploria Labyrinthiformis), featured as the back lower left image
- Longsnout/Slender Seahorse, featured on the back security thread

All notes have varied Watermarks, Holographic Stripes, Blind Recognition Marks, Intaglio, and See-Through Windows.

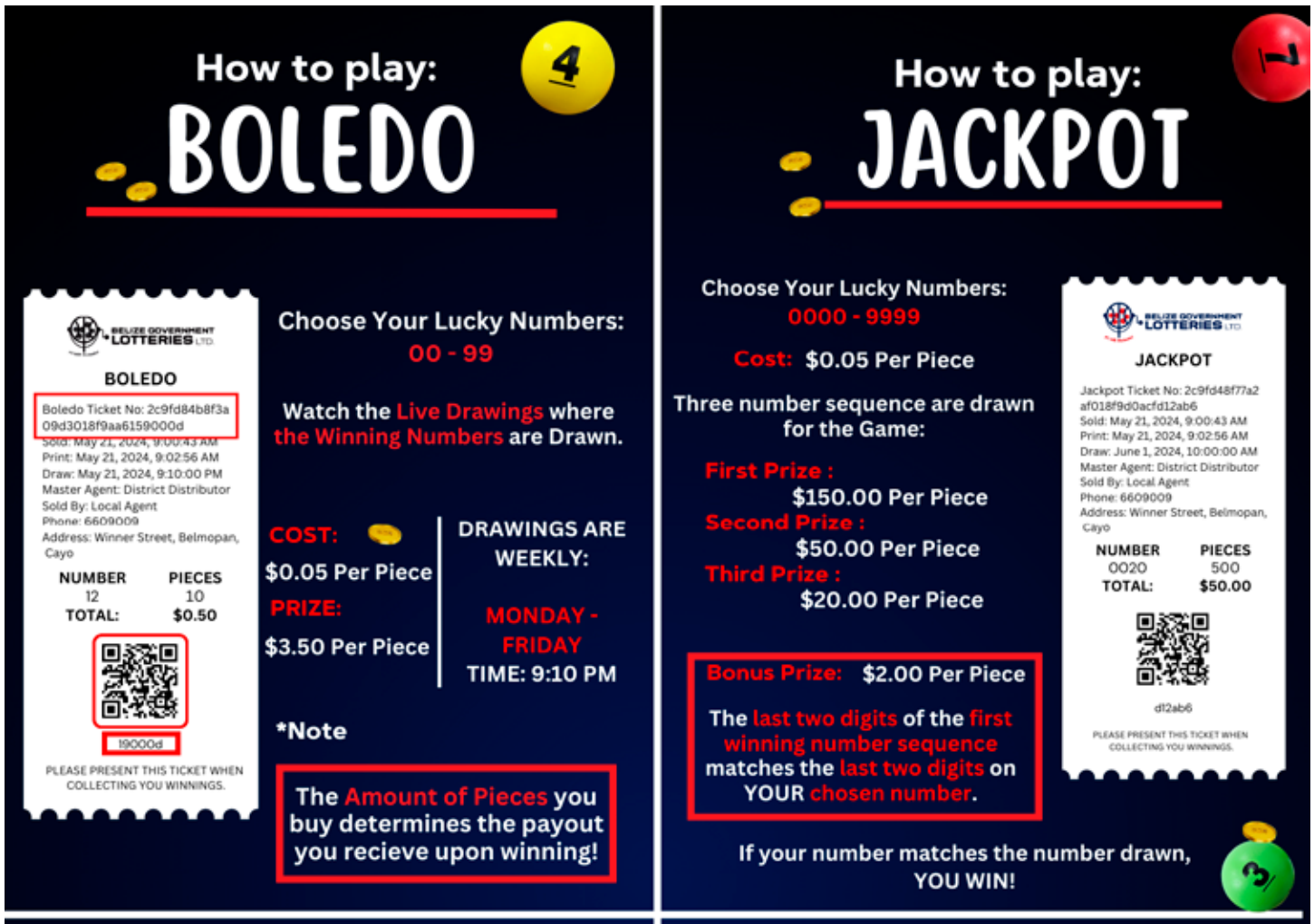
For Context: Kareem Michael, the Central Bank of Belize Governor hosted a press briefing on November 27, 2024, titled "Central Bank and the Economy." Some key insights into the trends affecting the economy were provided during the conference. Additionally, the Central Bank's efforts to strengthen economic resilience were featured.

With the peg restored in 1976 to the US dollar, it was done in a way to avoid devaluation and inflationary consequences. A mandate of the Central Bank of Belize is captured in Clause 6 of the Bank Act which states:

Within the context of the economic policy of the Government, the Bank shall be guided in all its actions by the objectives of fostering monetary stability, especially as regards the exchange rate and promoting credit conditions conducive to the growth of the economy of Belize.

Consequently, the new design will not alter the fixed rate of exchange and "A dollar is still a dollar" and will celebrate the legacy and heritage of Belize. (Excerpts of December 5 2024 article by Hilly Bennett)

The Prime Minister had officially announced the faces of heroes Price and Goldson since September 2024 and unofficially on the Whip Show earlier in the term in the Summer of 2023. In the latter, he had stated that the death of Queen Elizabeth the Second had opened the request to replace her picture when the next set of bills are printed. The choice was the Belizean heroes instead of the new King Charles III.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$50.00 Per Piece
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$20.00 Per Piece
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Belize Emerges as Global Leader in Anti-Money Laundering and Countering-Terrorism Efforts

Belize does not qualify for the FATF's "grey list" or "black list."

January 23, 2025 - the Caribbean Financial Action Task Force (CFATF) published Belize's 4th Round Mutual Evaluation Report (MER), highlighting the nation's significant achievements in combatting money laundering (AML), financing of terrorism (CFT), and the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (CPF).

The MER conducted under the standards and procedures of the Paris-based Financial Action Task Force (FATF), evaluates countries in two critical areas:

- **Technical compliance, measured** against the FATF's 40 Recommendations, assesses the adequacy and robustness of a country's laws and other enforceable AML/CFT/CPF mechanisms.
- **Effectiveness**, measured against FATF's 11 Immediate Outcomes, assesses how effectively a country is using its AML/CFT/CPF legal and enforcement framework.

Belize's Historic Achievements

Belize's MER results position the country among the world's top performers:

1. Technical Compliance: Belize was rated Fully Compliant in 38 of the 40 FATF Recommendations and Largely Compliant in the remaining 2. This makes Belize **the second country globally** to achieve Compliant or Largely Compliant ratings across all 40 Recommendations on the country's first attempt, setting a new global benchmark for technical compliance. **Belize now has the distinction of having the strongest technical compliance ratings in the world**, surpassing the previous record holder Qatar, which has 32 Compliant and 8 Largely Compliant ratings.

2. Effectiveness: Belize achieved Substantial effectiveness in 5 of the 11 Immediate Outcomes, Moderate in 5, and Low in just one. Amongst the 22 Caribbean countries assessed so far, these results are the **third highest** and include a regional first: Substantial rating in Immediate Outcome 11 on proliferation financing.

A Rigorous Process

Belize's success reflects a rigorous evaluation process spanning nearly two years. Key milestones included:

June 2023: Submissions of Belize's legal framework to the CFATF

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Terms of Reference

SYSTEM ADMINISTRATOR I

THE BELIZE TAX SERVICE DEPARTMENT

1. Purpose of Position:

The System Administrator I is responsible for the robust and efficient operation of the organization's IT systems and infrastructure. This role involves the provisioning, installation, configuration, and maintenance of hardware, software, and related infrastructure to ensure high availability and optimal performance. The System Administrator I implement and maintain system standards, performs regular security and performance monitoring, and provides advanced support to resolve complex technical issues. This position is essential for the stability and security of the organization's IT environment, contributing to its overall operational success.

2. Analysis of Position:

I. Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

SA Engineering and Provisioning

- Install new/rebuild existing servers and configure hardware, peripherals, services, settings, directories, storage, etc.
- Install and configure computer-based systems.
- Develop, document, and maintain installation and configuration procedures.
- Contribute to and maintain system standards.
- Research and recommend innovative approaches for system administration tasks.

Operations and Support.

- Ensure daily system monitoring and verify the integrity and availability of all hardware, server resources, systems, and key processes.
- Conduct regular security monitoring to identify possible intrusions.
- Ensure daily backup operations and regular file archival and purge.
- Create, change, and delete user accounts as requested.
- Provide Tier Ill support and investigate and troubleshoot issues.
- Repair and recover from hardware or software failures.

Maintenance

- Apply OS patches and upgrades regularly.
- Upgrade and configure system software supporting local infrastructure.
- Perform periodic performance reporting to support capacity planning.
- Perform ongoing performance tuning and resource optimization.

Supervision:

- Supervise, manage, and appraise junior officers.

II. Requirements:

a. Qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science, Information Technology, or a related field.
- 3-5 years of hands-on experience in system administration.
- Certifications will be an asset:
- Certifications such as CompTlA Server+, Microsoft Certified: Windows Server, Red Hat Certified System Administrator (RHCSA), or equivalent.
- Advanced certifications (e.g., Microsoft Certified: Azure Administrator, AWS Certified SysOps Administrator, VMware Certified Professional).

b. Experience:

- Proven experience with virtualization (e.g., VMware, Hyper-V) and containerization (e.g., Docker, Kubernetes).
- Experience with monitoring and performance tuning tools (e.g., Nagios, SolarWinds).
- Proficiency in scripting languages (e.g., PowerShell, Python, Bash).
- Strong understanding of networking concepts, firewalls, and security protocols.
- Experience with cloud services (e.g., AWS, Azure, Google Cloud).

c. Competencies/Skills:

Technical:

- Hands-on experience troubleshooting hardware/software issues.
- In-depth knowledge of technical environments and network topologies.
- Proficiency with Windows and Linux operating systems and servers.
- Experience with installing network cables and patching.
- Strong knowledge of security protocols, systems analysis principles, and disaster recovery methods.
- Project management skills and supervisory capabilities.
- Ability to implement and troubleshoot changes and modifications
- Knowledge of current technological developments/trends in area of expertise.
- Ability to write detailed professional technical and nontechnical reports.
- Excellent decision making, judgment, analytical and planning skills;

Behavioral:

- Strong leadership skills.
- Excellent written, oral, and interpersonal communication skills.
- Ability to present ideas in a business-friendly and user-friendly language.
- Highly organized, self-motivated, self-directed, and attentive to detail.
- Ability to effectively prioritize and execute tasks in a high-pressure environment.
- Extensive experience working in a team-oriented, collaborative environment.
- Strong ethical standards and professional integrity. Excellent time management and organizing skills.

III. Special Work Conditions (physical demands. job hazards. pressures):

- Highly confidential environment
- Long and irregular hours
- High Stress working environment.
- Available to work on weekends and holidays as required with incentives;
- Travel from time to time;

3. Reporting Responsibility:

The System Administrator I will report to the MIS Manager.

4. Location: Headquarters, Eleanor Hall Bldg., Lake I Blvd., Belize City, Belize

5. Salary: Government Payscale 21 of $38,106 x 1,644 - $69,342 per annum.

Application Process: Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume, and contact information for three professional references to **Director General, Belize Tax Service Department, Ministry of Finance, Eleanor Hall Building, Belize City by February 14th , 2025**; only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for interviews.

Note: The Terms of Reference may be subject to amendments or modifications as deemed necessary by the hiring authority.

GEORGE PRICE DAY

Senior Citizen Lunch in Honouring the Father of the Nation

Hon. Oscar Mira, the Belmopan City Council, Chairman of the PUP

Galen University's George Cadle Price Scholarship News

Roslyn Reid Rendering Service

George Cadle Price Scholarship recipient, Ms. Roslyn Reid, is honoring the legacy of the late George Cadle Price in an act of service to her community.

PUP & #planBelize

STAY PAN TRACK IN 2025

National Cleanup Day

Ministry of Sustainable Development and Climate Change

Our Belize! Our Responsibility! Bin it!

Minister Landy Habet asking Belize to BIN IT!

Care for the Environment George

PM Briceño's OW Central Team

Interview w the Future

OW Town Council with BYM

Minister leading a cleanup team in Ranza

Corozal TC Mayor and crew

Thea leading Corozal Bay by the sea

David Castillo in the villages

Lorna Mckay, Queen's Square new leadership

Dangriga TC's crew all hyped up

Belize CC with the youths

Benque TC Mayor leading his cleanup

Cayo youths

Alex Balona and his crew deep in Cayo Central

San Pedro caring for their caye town

High Schools all over Belize got into the cleanup, e.g. TCC

Belmopan CC Mayor and youths

Tourism Board did not miss this event

'The Work Continues'

VOICE OF THE COMMON MAN

A CLEAN SWEEP EFFECT ON THE HAVEN OF DEMOCRACY

By Hilly Bennett

The country is gearing up for the General Elections 2025. There is mounting speculation regarding the election date and Prime Minister, John Briceño, as one media outlet suggests, he is holding the date close to his chest. However, the PM conveyed to the media the likelihood of the elections being called in the first half of 2025. One of the most important components of the elections is the right to vote and free fair election, it is considered a major aspect of the Haven of Democracy and is inherent to the model of Representative Democracy adopted in Belize. In addressing the graduates of Muffles College on the 26th of July, 1964 - BECOME NATION BUILDERS - the Father of the Nation, Leader Emeritus, George Cadle Price told the graduates, *"Democracy entails the essential principle of the rule of the majority with respect for the rights of the minority. The majority then determines the identity, the nation, the constitution and the democracy."*

Belizean democracy has evolved from the transformative experiences of the authoritarian and oppressive rule of the colonial past. The Peoples United Party (PUP) has been at the forefront, guiding the evolution, bringing Belize from Self-Government to Independence on September 21, 1981. Belize has been lauded for its adherence to democratic principles of which the opposition is an essential component of Representative Democracy. According to Thomas Konig et al reliance on Dahl (1996. p. xviii), it was submitted that the existence of the opposition is 'nearly the most distinctive characteristic of democracy'. As Thomas Konig et al proffered in the paper, Government dominance and the role of opposition in parliamentary democracies, when government and parliamentary majorities coincide, the government's dominance is strong, especially in the decision-making process.

Presently, the main opposition, the United Democratic Party (UDP) is in complete disarray and is not considered a viable opposition. Consequently, the murmur is a 'clean sweep' for the PUP. Kareem Musa says it's possible given the state of the opposition. and added that "In any healthy democracy it requires not just a strong opposition but also a strong media." As suggested by Konig, a unified opposition not only makes challenges to the government's agenda more likely but also conditions how coalition partners manage collective governance. Within the Belize Constitution, there are legislative safeguards for His Majesty's Loyal Opposition. The opposition is legislatively bound to be a part of the decision-making process through committees and parliamentary debates.

The opposition continues to make a mockery of democracy in Belize. The incessant infighting in the United Democratic Party (UDP) has become septic and has taken Belizean politics into the depths of political morass. Both, Shyne Barrow and the Tracy Taegar faction of the Alliance for Demockery, are participants in the UDP political circus.

Whilst there is a loud murmur for a "clean sweep" the absence of a viable and responsible opposition in political norms would undermine the Haven of Democracy. The PUP political machinery, on the other hand, is ready to deliver the mandate of the majority of the voting population. And is surely gearing up for a CLEAN SWEEP!

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CENTRAL BANK of BELIZE

CAREER OPPORTUNITY

SYSTEMS ANALYST

The Central Bank invites qualified individuals to join its Information Technology Department.

The Systems Analyst (SA) is responsible for the development, analysis, implementation, and maintenance of information systems in accordance with the Central Bank's development standards and tools. The SA ensures data confidentiality, integrity, and accuracy. The SA will also implement information systems software packages in support of core organizational functions following established guidelines.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- **Information Systems Development and Implementation:** Implements information systems according to established development standards and methodology.
- **Information Security:** Responds to security alerts and addresses information security infractions and violations; provides preventative and corrective actions.
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- Possesses, applies, and maintains a high degree of knowledge in information technologies to deliver quality work; remains informed of the latest trends and developments in the discipline; knowledge of business and management principles, project management, information auditing, and information security; proficient in diverse software applications and operating systems; experience in DBMS, SQL, backup and recovery, performance tuning, security, scripting, data modelling; demonstrates cross-functional ability and desire for continuous self-improvement.

COMPETENCIES

- Managing Change, Fostering Innovation, Analytical Thinking, Diagnostic Information Gathering, Results Orientation, Flexibility/Adaptability, Conceptual Thinking, Attention to Communication.

Submit the following documents by **Friday, 31 January 2025:**

- Central Bank Employment Application Form (available online)
- Curriculum Vitae
- Two Names of Reference (one must be from a previous employer)
- Copies of school transcripts, degrees, and any other personal certificates

Applications should be addressed to:

Manager, Human Resources Department
Central Bank of Belize
Gabourel Lane
Belize City, BELIZE

Ref: Systems Analyst – Information Technology Department

Email: hr@centralbank.org.bz or online at www.centralbank.org.bz
(All applications will be held in strict confidence)

Belize Emerges as Global Leader in Anti-Money Laundering and Countering-Terrorism Efforts

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assessors.

On-Site Assessment and follow-up dialogue: Following the on-site visit by the assessment team in December 2023, national authorities engaged in a year-long dialogue with the assessment team regarding Belize's submissions, the findings of the on-site visit and reviews of multiple drafts of the MER.

December 2024: Approval of the draft MER at the CFATF Plenary in Negril, Jamaica. Delegates from FATF members, including the U.S., Canada, and the United Kingdom, as well as international organisations like the IMF, meticulously reviewed the report. Belize's delegation, led by the Honourable Christopher Coye, Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance, Economic Development & Investment and Mrs. Leni Ysaguirre McGann, Director of the Financial Intelligence Unit and Chair of NAMLC, defended the report with support from key NAMLC member agencies such as the Attorney General's Ministry, Central Bank of Belize, Financial Services Commission, Office of the Supervisor of Insurance and Private Pensions, Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, Belize Tax Service Department, Customs & Excise Department, and Belize Police Department, and others such as the Belize Companies & Corporate Affairs Registry.

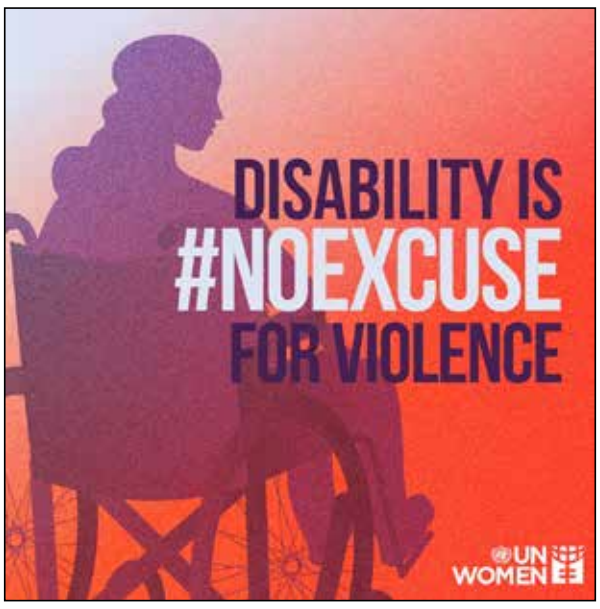
The final report was reviewed and approved by the FATF Global Community, comprising over 200 countries and the FATF Secretariat, culminating in today's publication.

These outstanding technical compliance and effectiveness ratings places Belize in **Regular Follow-up**, a status achieved by **less than 15% of countries in the world**. Significantly, based on these results, **Belize does not qualify for the FATF's "grey list" or "black list."**

A Remarkable Transformation

These achievements mark a dramatic turnaround since Belize's 3rd Round mutual evaluation in 2011, when the country was publicly grey-listed by the CFATF and suffered the loss of 87% of its correspondent banking relationships. Belize's progress underscores years of dedicated effort and collaboration across public and private sectors.

The Government of Belize extends its gratitude to all stakeholders for their contributions to this national effort. As the country celebrates this milestone, it remains steadfast in its commitment to strengthening its AML/CFT/CPF framework to adapt to evolving international standards and emerging risks.



MOECST HOSTS EDUCATION STAKEHOLDERS MEETING WITH BNTU AND MANAGING AUTHORITIES

Belmopan, January 23, 2025.

Belize City, Belize. The Ministry of Education, Culture, Science, and Technology (MoECST), the Belize National Teachers' Union (BNTU), and the Managing Authorities of pre-primary, primary, and secondary schools have reaffirmed their commitment to fostering collaboration and enhancing Belize's education system for the benefit of all stakeholders.

At a first-ever meeting of education stakeholders chaired by Hon. Francis Fonseca, Minister of Education, Culture, Science and Technology, the BNTU and Managing Authorities engaged in constructive dialogue with the Ministry and relevant agencies such as the Social Security Board, Belize Tax Services and Treasury Department. A key outcome of the meeting was the signing of a joint statement, underscoring a commitment to fostering sustained, effective, and efficient collaboration and communication to benefit students, teachers, parents, and administrators, with the goal of creating an education system that meets the needs of the nation and its people.

Charged with the responsibility of ensuring equitable access to quality education, MoECST remains dedicated to equipping all Belizeans with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary for personal growth and active participation in the nation's development.

MoECST, BNTU, and school Managing Authorities will continue to engage in meaningful dialogue and joint initiatives aimed at addressing challenges, promoting innovation, and enhancing the quality of education for all. (release)

IDB

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

IT Business Support Specialist
Relaunch
PROCUREMENT UNIT - MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(INDIVIDUAL)

Institution:	Ministry of Finance
Country:	Belize
Project:	Strengthening Public Expenditure Management in Belize (SPEM)
Loan No.:	5353/OC-BL
Process ID:	BL-L1038-P00070
Deadline:	**January 29, 2025,** 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)

The Ministry of Finance hereby invites eligible individuals to apply for the contractual position of IT Business Support Specialist, in the Procurement Unit of the Ministry of Finance, Belize.

The Government of Belize is currently implementing the Strengthening Public Expenditure Management in Belize Project, through loan funds received from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) that will promote the fiscal sustainability of Belize by enhancing different aspects of Financial Management, Procurement, Technological Infrastructure and Institutional Capacity in the Government of Belize.

One Subcomponent of the Project is assisting the Procurement Unit in the Ministry of Finance to expand and diversify its institutional capacity to enable the Unit to effectively undertake its mandate and daily operations. The project is supporting the filling of new key positions under this Unit, including this advertised position of **IT Business Support Specialist**.

The **IT Business Support Specialist** will be responsible for ensuring the seamless integration and effective management of newly procured IT systems within the Procurement Unit. This role includes operational support and software maintenance responsibilities to ensure the effective implementation of the Unit's information technology initiatives. The role entails developing specifications for new software acquisition, ensuring system compatibility and security, and developing a training plan and change management plan for new systems to facilitate comprehensive user understanding and adaptation.

Further details on this position, including the required application template and full Terms of Reference, can be obtained online at https://mof.gov.bz/procurement-opportunities/ or by scanning the QR Code below. Interested individuals must provide information demonstrating that they have met the required qualifications and possess relevant experience to perform the services.

The selection for this contractual position will be in accordance with the procedures set out in the Inter-American Development Bank: Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank GN-2350-15 and the Government of Belize procurement procedures and best practices. The Consultants will be selected based on qualifications.

Qualified individuals should submit one (1) pdf file in English, using the required template, via e-mail to tjoseph.ceu@cpu.mof.gov.bz or two (2) hardcopies of their application to the address below:

Trudy Joseph
Procurement Specialist
Central Executing Unit
Ministry of Finance
Sir Edney Cain Building
Tel: 501-822-4106
tjoseph.ceu@cpu.mof.gov.bz

Scan Here For More Details:

(Ref: IT Business Support Specialist (BL-L1038)- Your name)

The Deadline for submission is no later than **Wednesday, January 29, 2025,** by 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time). Late submissions will not be accepted.

Implementation of the Belize Resilient Bold Belize Project

The People Receive 5 Million for Five Years

The Government of Belize has secured 5 million USD in funding support over five years as part of the Blue and Green Islands (BGI) Global Environment Facility (GEF) 8 Integrated Program. The Resilient Bold Belize (RBB) Child Project aims to secure the long-term conservation and resilience of Belize's marine and coastal ecosystems, promoting nature-based livelihoods and the well-being of Belizeans.

The GEF-endorsed project will focus on Belize's Blue Ocean space and is designed to initiate Belize's Project Finance for Permanence (PFP) initiative. The PFP is a significant private-public partnership led by the Blue Bond and Finance Permanence Unit within the Office of the Prime Minister, in partnership with the World Wildlife Fund. The Blue Bond and Finance Permanence Unit is the executing agency for this GEF Project, which is implemented by the WWF GEF Agency.

The coast-to-ocean project scope spans across Belize's connected marine and coastal ecosystems, including mangroves, seagrass, and reefs, to deliver on the BGI Integrated Program objectives through improved management and increased financial sustainability of 14 coastal protected areas and 21 marine protected areas, spaces that are globally recognized as biodiversity hotspots, vital for supporting local fishing and tourism industries, and for protecting coastal communities from storms.

After the proposed five-year GEF RBB Project is closed, the science-driven PFP will continue implementation for an additional six years, with the objective of securing the financing strategies in place for long-term conservation in an effective, efficient, and well-managed system that contributes to the sustainable development of the country and the well-being of its people.

The Blue Bond and Finance Permanence Unit has disclosed the project's safeguard documents prior to the start of project implementation in 2025. These safeguard documents include the Stakeholder Engagement Plan and the Environmental and Social Management Framework, which have been displayed indefinitely on publicly accessible websites, currently including the Government of Belize Press Office website and the Belize Fisheries Department website. (release)

Editor: This planBelize government is not sitting on its laurels grieving on what the next government will have in the next term. Who the people of Belize elects in the next elections will have a country in the midst of an economic boon, access to jobs, high GDP, access to education, full NHI, Tourism and Agriculture record performance, record Foreign Direct Investment etc. etc. UDP…Barrow…Covid is not the reason you were in recession in 2020. Covid helped unmask the truth….the Barrow 2008-2020 government was corrupt and inept to the core. Oh, apologies…if I say corrupt, I must also say Barrow's other word to describe his UDP and therefore himself—incompetent. The people of Belize are ready for another generation and more of prosperity and more with the PUP.

Belize National Prayer

Almighty and Eternal God, who through Jesus Christ has revealed Your Glory to all nations, please protect and preserve Belize, our beloved country.

God of might, wisdom and justice, please assist our Belizean government and people with your Holy Spirit of counsel and fortitude.

Let Your light of Your divine wisdom direct their plans and endeavours so that with Your help we may attain our just objectives.

With Your guidance, may all our endeavours tend to peace, social justice, liberty, national happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety and useful knowledge.

We pray, O God of Mercy, for all of us that we may be blessed in the knowledge and sanctified in the

observance of Your most holy law, that we may be preserved in union and, in that peace which the world itself cannot give.

And, after enjoying the blessings of this life, please admit us, dear Lord, to that eternal reward that You have prepared for those who love You.

Amen.

Gap, Vulnerability, and Risk Assessment consultations

The Ministry of Blue Economy and Disaster Risk Management, in collaboration with NAP Global Network Climate Change Project Specialist, participated in the first round of Gap, Vulnerability, and Risk Assessment consultations for the Green Climate Fund (GCF) Readiness Project: Enabling Activities for the Formulation and Implementation of a Multisectoral National Adaptation Plan (MNAP) for Belize.

This critical step in developing Belize's MNAP will provide a comprehensive strategy for our nation's adaptation to climate change. The process focuses on:

- Identifying the communities most vulnerable to climate change.
- Informing key decisions to enhance climate adaptation.
- Ensuring that resources are effectively allocated to empower communities to adapt successfully.

Priority sectors include: • Health, • Tourism, • Agriculture, • Forests and Land Use, • Human Settlement and Infrastructure Development

We extend our gratitude to the Belize National Climate Change Office (NCCO), Protected Areas Conservation Trust (PACT), the Ministry of Economic Development, Belize's National Designated Authority to the Green Climate Fund (GCF) — and IDOM for facilitating this crucial series of consultations.

The consultations were held on January 14, 2025. (release)

The consultation meeting also had the participation of other key stakeholders including Corozal Town Council, Oceana in Belize, the Orange Walk Town Council, the Forest Department, BTIA, BSCFA, SIRDI, CSFI, Northern Maya Association, to name a few.

PRESS RELEASE

GAMING CONTROL BOARD NOTICE

Belmopan, January 10th, 2025

The Gaming Control Board (GCB) would like to inform all gaming machine license holders (Gaming Establishments) that received approval for the period April 1st 2024, - March 31st 2025, to submit their renewal applications for the upcoming period April 1st 2025, - March 31st 2026.
Licensees wishing to renew their licenses are asked to submit their original application forms to the Ministry of Investment, situated at No.03 Mango Street in Belmopan on or before Friday, January 31st 2025. Application forms are available at the Ministry.

We can be contacted via:

Telephone: (501) 880-4728 or 880-4729
Email: belizeinvestment@invest.gov.bz
Facebook: Investment, Policy & Compliance Unit

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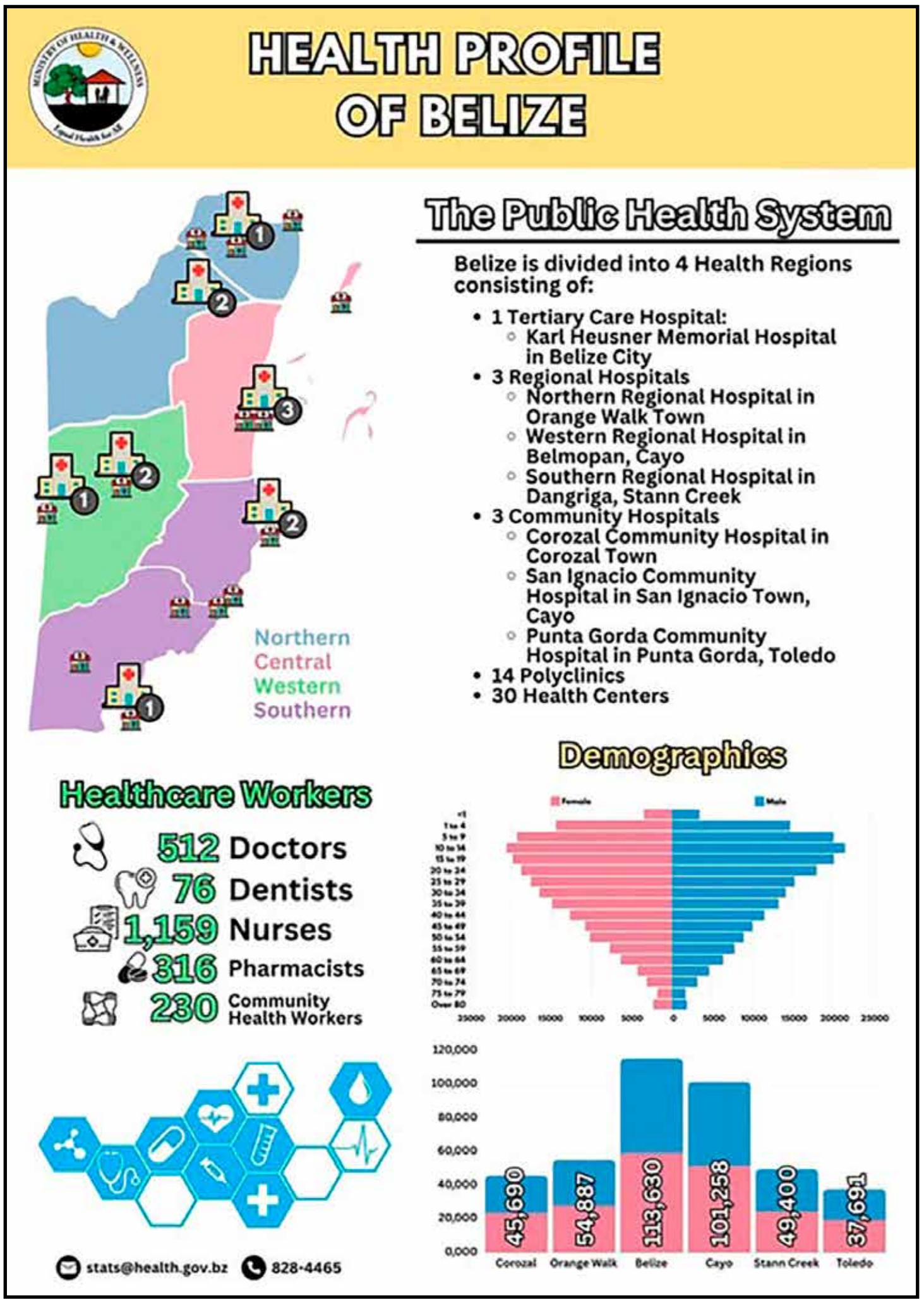
Trauma-Informed Care Training for Social Workers and Counsellors

The Ministry of Human Development, Families, and Indigenous Peoples' Affairs, the Office of the Special Envoy, Peaceful Households (a U.S.-based NGO), and the Ixchel Caribe Foundation launched a four-day training workshop on trauma-informed care and practices. This program trained 35 participants from January 21st to 23rd, 2025, at the Caribbean Motors Conference Room in Belize City. A follow-up session will be conducted at the New Beginnings Youth Development Center on January 24th, 2025, with 12 participants. The aim is to strengthen the capacity of social workers and counsellors across the Ministry.

Trauma-informed care and trauma-informed practices involve understanding, recognizing, and responding to the effects of trauma, which can deeply impact individual behavior and well-being. By adopting these practices, social work and counselling professionals are better equipped to provide empathetic, effective, and holistic support to clients, promoting resilience and recovery.

The training sessions are being coordinated by Charlotte Nal and facilitated by Kathy Orr. Kathy is an expert in trauma-informed practices who will present empirical evidence on the importance of these approaches. This initiative demonstrates the Ministry's commitment to enhancing professional development and ensuring its staff is prepared to support clients in a trauma-sensitive manner. (release)

Editor: The people of Belize are needed of better equipped workers at every level, department, and Ministry. The Government of Belize is seeing that here and across the spectrum. Going into another five years is no excuse to let go. The race to a better Belize does NOT slow down because of an election…the work continues.



Minister Mai and Vegetable Farmers Visit to Potato farms in Poptún, Guatemala

January 22, 2025 - A delegation of six MAFSE technicians and fifteen vegetable producers went on a two-day visit to Poptún, Petén, to learn about new potato varieties for processing markets. Leading the delegation are Minister José Abelardo Mai, Senior Technical Advisor Hugh O'Brien, and District Agriculture Officer (Orange Walk) Sergio Hernandez.

Historically, crops such as potatoes and carrots have been difficult to market due to access and oversupply issues. In response, the Ministry of Agriculture has been working to identify solutions that reduce losses and improve farmers' incomes.

The white potatoes grown in Petén are primarily used for industrial purposes, such as potato chips. Farmers in Petén supply their products to Frito-Lay, where they are processed into chips. The Ministry of Agriculture and participating farmers believe that the potato variety grown in Petén could also be cultivated in Belize, as both regions share similar altitudes and climates.

The Ministry also focuses on adding value to other perishable crops, aiming to create long-term solutions for farmers. By exploring innovative processing and marketing strategies, the Ministry seeks to convert challenges into opportunities, ensuring farmers benefit from a more stable and profitable agricultural sector. These efforts underscore the Ministry's commitment to reducing losses, increasing farmer profitability, and strengthening Belize's agricultural sector.

The delegation will participate in meetings and field visits in Guatemala on Thursday, 23 January, and return on Friday, 24 January 2025. (release)

CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS

In the Vicinity of Aerodromes

The Belize Department of Civil Aviation (BDCA) wishes to inform the general public of the construction requirements established in accordance with the current aviation rules in force, particularly SI No. 126 of 2023 Civil Aviation Aerodrome Design and Construction Regulations 2023.

For domestic aerodromes, as it relates to a runway intended for the operation of aircraft using visual approach procedures or an instrument approach procedure to a point beyond which the approach may continue in visual meteorological conditions, known as Non-Instrument Runways, no object that would pose a hazard to aircraft operations is to be situated inside the prescribed vicinity of said runway. Furthermore, new objects or extensions of existing objects shall not be permitted above prescribed surfaces, known as obstacle limitation surfaces, except when, in the opinion of the BDCA, the new object or extension would be shielded by an existing immovable object.

For the Philip Goldson International Airport, no object is permitted to exist above obstacle limitation surfaces prescribed in SI No. 126 of 2023 Civil Aviation Aerodrome Design and Construction Regulations 2023. No new objects shall be permitted above obstacle limitation surfaces.

In both instances, existing objects above obstacle limitation surfaces shall, as far as practicable, be removed except when, in the opinion of the BDCA, that object is shielded by an existing immovable object or after aeronautical study, it is determined that the object would not adversely affect the safety or significantly affect the regularity of operations of aircraft.

Considering the above, the public is reminded that prior to any construction within 3000 meters of a domestic aerodrome, and within 6000 meters of the Philip Goldson International Airport, the entity responsible for construction shall receive a letter of no objection for said construction from the BDCA.

For more information, you can visit our website at www. civilaviation. gov. bz or you may call us at 225-2014 or 225-2052. (Jan 10, 2025 release)

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Institution: **MINISTRY OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE, GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE.**

Tender: **Consultancy for the Development of a 10-year National Environmental Policy and Strategy 2025 - 2035, its corresponding Mid-Term National Environmental Action Plan 2025 -2030 and Development of a Monitoring and Evaluation Framework**

The Government of Belize (GOB), through the Department of the Environment under the Ministry of Sustainable Development and Climate Change, invites suitable **Consulting Firms** to submit proposals for the Development of a 10-year National Environmental Policy and Strategy 2025-2035, its corresponding Mid-Term National Environmental Action Plan 2025-2030 and Development of a Monitoring and Evaluation Framework.

The General Objective of this Consultancy is:

To contract the services of a Consulting Firm to update the current:

1.1. National Environmental Policy and Strategy 2014-2024, for a ten-year period from 2025 to 2035;
1.2. Update the National Environmental Action Plan 2022-2026, for a five-year period 2025 to 2030;
1.3. And for the development of a Monitoring and Evaluation Framework.

Qualifications Required:

Team Lead:

i. Minimum of Master's Degree in Project Management, Environmental Studies, Natural Resources Management, Coastal and Marine Management and other related science field.

Terrestrial Management Expert:

i. Minimum of Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Studies, Natural Resources Management and other related science field.

Coastal and Marine Management Expert:

i. Minimum of Bachelor's Degree in Coastal and Marine Management, Environmental studies, Natural Resources Management and other related science field.

For full Terms of Reference which lists further required Qualifications, Scope of Work, Required Methodology & Workplan, Deliverables, Payments & Timeline, and **Submission Procedures,** kindly request via email at procurement.asst@environment.gov.bz with a copy to procurement.officer@environment.gov.bz

Deadline for Submission: Wednesday February 12th 2025 , no later than 3:00 p.m.

Minister of State Dr. Osmond Martinez Appointed Chair of CARIFORUM

Belmopan. January 20, 2025.

Belize proudly announces that Minister of State for Foreign Trade, Dr. Osmond Martinez, has assumed the Chair of CARIFORUM for the period January to June 2025. This prestigious role underscores Belize's commitment to regional integration and leadership within the Caribbean Forum.

In preparation for this significant responsibility, Belize hosted a CARIFORUM delegation from January 14 – 17, 2025. The delegation, led by Director General Mrs. Alexis Downes-Amsterdam, with support from Mrs. Yvanette Baron George and Mr. Rovin Ghansham, met with Belizean officials on critical CARIFORUM matters to ensure a seamless transition and effective leadership during Belize's tenure.

The mission included comprehensive briefings with officials at the Ministerial, Executive, and technical levels in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade. Discussions focused on key areas such as policy dialogue, EPA institutional frameworks, development cooperation initiatives, and trading relationships under the CARIFORUM/EU and UK Economic Partnership Agreements meetings including the Trade and Development Committee and the Joint Council. Pending matters to be addressed as part of the regional work programme and the importance of strategically identifying and concluding key issues were also discussed. Minister Martinez highlighted the need for a re-branding of CARIFORUM and aligning priorities to significantly benefit member states and the region as a whole.

The mission concluded with Belize as Chair of the CARIFORUM Consultation on EPA Preference Utilization, an essential initiative to enhance the benefits of the EPA for member states.

This mission reflects CARIFORUM's dedication to fostering coordination and collaboration among its members. Belize's Chairmanship marks a pivotal opportunity to advance CARIFORUM's objectives, strengthen regional cooperation, and drive impactful outcomes for member states. (Release)

Caribbean Forum (CARIFORUM) is a subgroup of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM). CARIFORUM is a group of Caribbean countries that work together to discuss economic issues with the European Union.

Sugar Exports to CARICOM Market

Belize Strengthens Efforts to Boost

January 20, 2025 - The Minister of State for Foreign Trade, Hon. Dr. Osmond Martinez, and the Directorate General for Foreign Trade (DGFT) held a pivotal meeting with representatives from Belize Sugar Industries (BSI) to discuss strategies for enhancing Belize's sugar exports to the CARICOM market.

The meeting focused on addressing the challenges and opportunities within the regional sugar trade framework. Key topics included optimizing the Common External Tariff (CET) suspension regime, improving compliance with the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas, and strengthening Belize's competitive position in the CARICOM Single Market and Economy (CSME).

Hon. Dr. Martinez emphasized Belize's commitment to facilitating increasing sugar exports and ensuring adherence to regional trade rules. This meeting marks a significant step towards bolstering the sugar industry's presence in the CARICOM market. "We are determined to work collaboratively with BSI and other stakeholders to capitalize on export opportunities and ensure that Belize remains a key player in the regional sugar trade," said the Minister.

The DGFT reiterated the importance of active participation in CARICOM's Monitoring Mechanism for Sugar (MMS) and the Technical Working Group (TWG) for using technical standards and specifications in the Common External Tariff Suspension process. By enhancing the region's reporting and compliance mechanisms, Belize aims to foster a transparent and fair trade environment that benefits all CARICOM Member States.

BSI representatives expressed their commitment to working closely with the government to address any challenges and leverage the opportunities presented by the CARICOM market.

This initiative aligns with Belize's broader strategy to strengthen its trade relationships within the region, promoting sustainable economic growth and development.(release)

PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

*** Second Offer ***

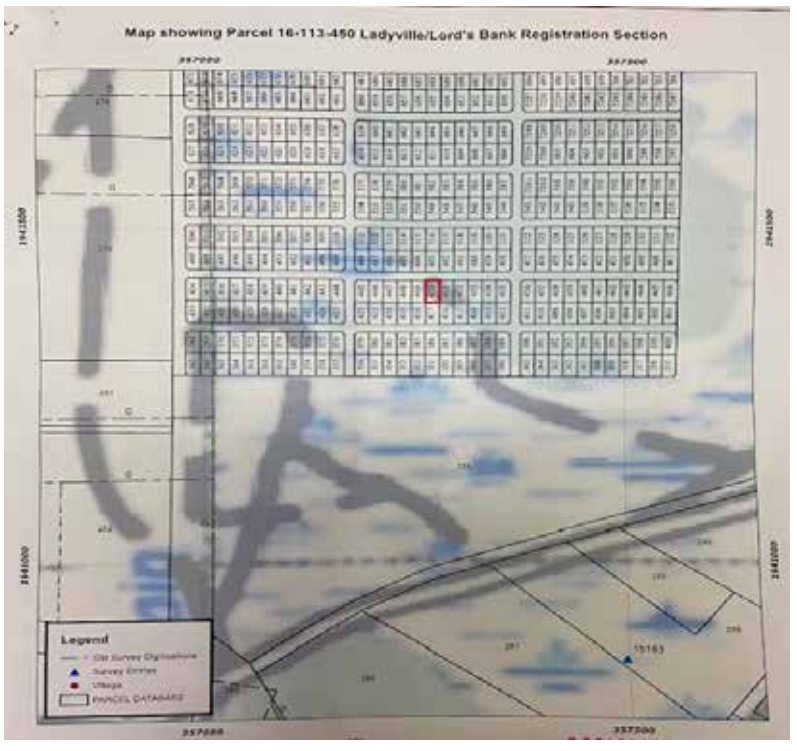
BY ORDER OF THE CHARGEE HOLY REDEEMER CREDIT UNION LIMITED, a Licensed Public Auctioneer will sell on site the following property at the time as listed.

At the Ladyville Community Center on Friday, February 7, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT piece or parcel of land comprising 566.539 square metres being Parcel 450, Block 16 in the Ladyville/Lord's Bank Registration Section situate near Mile 11 on the Philip Goldson Highway, Belize District TOGETHER with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon, the freehold property of **DESIREE ELAINE JONES**

DATED this 22nd day of January 2025



All sales are strictly cash and deemed final. For more information contact:

HOLY REDEEMER CREDIT UNION LIMITED
1 HYDE'S LANE, BELIZE CITY, BELIZE
Phone: (501) 280-5644
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CILTrust International Inc.

Tenya International Co. Ltd. # 000001448
("the Company")

Notice is hereby given to all interested parties that the company **Tenya International Co. Ltd.** (the Company) registered under the Belize Companies Act 2022 commenced dissolution as follows:

a) is in dissolution
b) commenced dissolution on the 3rd day of December, 2024; and
c) **Chan Hau Yet** whose address Flat D, 23/F, Block 10, 1 Tsun King Road, Phase 2, Royal Ascot, Sha Tin New Territories, Hong Kong is the Liquidator of the Company

CILTrust International Limited
Registered Agent

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the below company has been dissolved and struck off the Belize Companies and Corporate Affairs Register with effect from the date indicated:

Name of Company	Date
PARADISE PURE CORP.	27th December, 2024
EDA INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS LIMITED	27th December, 2024
BTI UNIVERSAL LTD.	27th December, 2024

GenPro Consulting (Belize) Limited
Registered Agent

NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF DISSOLUTION

Notice is hereby given to all interested parties that the following companies ("the Companies") Registered under the Belize Companies Act 2022 commenced dissolution as follows:

Name of Company	Date of Commencement of Dissolution	Liquidator Name & Address
PARADISE PURE CORP.	12th December, 2024	Lo Chien-Tai of 2f, No. 10-1, Hengguang St., Wenshan Dist., Taipei, Taiwan, R.O.C.
EDA INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS LIMITED	12th December, 2024	Wu, Chia-Chen of 8f, No. 10, Aly. 19, Ln. 281, Xingshan Rd., Neihu Dist., Taipei, Taiwan, R.O.C.
BTI UNIVERSAL LTD.	12th December, 2024	Chang, Hong-Ming of 4f, No. 2, Ln. 220, Renyi St., Sanchong Dist., New Taipei City, Taiwan, R.O.C

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Name of Company	Date
KMK TRANSPORT LTD.	27th December, 2024
XANTHIA CORPORATION	20th December, 2024
AAA INTERNATIONAL LTD.	20th December, 2024
ERCIL LTD.	09th January, 2025

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CENTRAL BANK of BELIZE

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Annual Balance of Payments Survey

Belize City , 6 January 2025: Each year the Central Bank of Belize collects data for the compilation of Belize's Balance of Payments. In order to carry out this exercise for 2024 and to make accurate revisions to our 2023 data, the Central Bank is once again conducting its survey of *business enterprises* and *non-profit organizations* resident in Belize.

The Central Bank guarantees that all data submitted will be kept **strictly confidential** and any published statistics will be aggregated so that individual enterprises cannot be identified. To contribute to the effectiveness of this exercise, please submit responses by Friday, 31 January 2025.

The Central Bank of Belize looks forward to your collective cooperation and working together toward a successful survey initiative.

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LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that **Evan Young** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **"Thirties Enterprise"** located at #186 Pinks Alley, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Leslie Sanchez** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"L. Jay's One Stop"** located at # 7 Plum Street, Black Berry Ridge Estate, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Yvette Young** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Nana's Cool Spot"** located in Gracie Rock Village, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Russell Moody** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **"M & M Restaurant & Bar"** located in Sand Hill Village, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Adrian T. Belgrave** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"A1 Convenience Shop"** located at # 82 East Canal Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Hifzur R. Chowdhury** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Hifzur Store"** located at # 3 Racoon Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Iris Y. Hicho** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Jimbo Shop"** located at # 275 Apollo Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Caribbean Sprinter Limited** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"Caribbean Sprinter Limited"** located at # 10 North Front Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Grand Bay Resort Ltd.** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Grand Resort & Residences"** located at # 5031 P.G. HWY., Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Elizabeth Young** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Fender's Club"** located at # 43 Handyside Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **D & K Winery Ltd.** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"D & K Winery Ltd."** located at # 2 Dolphin Dr., Buttonwood Bay Blvd., Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Xiong Wen Wu** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Fu Xiang Store"** located at # 771 Sailfish Ave., Vista Del Mar, Ladyville Village, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **M & S Enterprise Ltd.** is applying for a **Malt & Cider Liquor License** to be operated at **"OMG Café "** located at # 102 Regent Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Earlin Henderson** is applying for a **Night Club Liquor License** to be operated at **"Sip and Chat"** located on Henderson Ave., Burrell Boom Village, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Lihua Lin** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Ladyville Supermarket"** located at 81/2 Mls. P.G. HWY., Ladyville Village, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Shariful Islam** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"New Diamond Grocery & Laundrymat"** located at # 128 New Rd., Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Justin A Meyers/Fredy Pensamiento** are applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"The Iguana Stop"** located in Burrell Boom Village, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Jeetu R. Bhagia/ Naresh K.S. Sukhramani** are applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"SB Store"** located at # 27 Dolphin Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Allen Yu** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **"Kai & A Internet Cafe"** located at # 29 Belize/Corozal Rd., Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Wen Chao Li** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"Hong Li Shop"** located on Otro Benque Road, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Zi Yan Wu** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"China Town Restaurant"** located on San Andres Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Rong Da Lu** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"Luda's Restaurant"** located on Baker's Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Ling Yu Huang** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"Luda's Store"** located at # 61 Bze/Czl Rd., Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Ling Yu Huang** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"Luda's Supermarket"** located on Otro Benque Rd., Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Rong Yao Lu** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"Mr Lu Restaurant"** located on Santa Ana Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Wen Lin Guan** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"388 Entertainment"** located on Baker's Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Wen Lin Guan** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"Excellent Restaurant"** located on Queen Victoria Avenue, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Shao Xia Wu** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **"Zhi Store"** located on Queen Victoria Avenue, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Wei Min Tie** is applying for a **Malt & Cider Liquor License** to be operated at **"New Happy Days Entertainment"** located on San Antonio Road, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Weitan Wu** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"Tim's 7-11 Store"** located on Benque Viejo St., Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Yu Heng Lyu** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"Sing Wong Restaurant"** located on Main Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Zhen Yu Huang** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"Sunny's Store"** located on Baker's Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Mei Xiao Ye** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"Zhang Nan Shop"** located on Progress Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Qiming Lin** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"Swanby"** located on Cinderella Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Jin Chao Wu** is applying for a **Malt & Cider Liquor License** to be operated at **"D8 Entertainment"** located on Belize/Corozal Rd., Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Xiaoji Li** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"A & A Store"** located on Progress Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Hui Shuang Chen** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"Hui Sheng Shop"** located on San Andres Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Tony Kwok Ming Lee** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"Lee's Chinese Restaurant"** located at # 11 San Antonio Rd., Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Hong Mei Deng** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"All Day Supermarket"** located at # 161 Bze/Czl Rd., Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Jian Bo Wu** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"Andson's Supermarket"** located on San Antonio Rd., Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Guo Cheng Deng** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"Orange Walk Restaurant"** located on Sarstoon Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Haiping Huang** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"H..P. Beijing Store"** located on San Francisco Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Yu Zhen Li** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **"Wendy's Grocery & Fast Food"** located on Otro Benque Rd., Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Jin Qi Lin** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"Shun Li Shop"** located on Queen Victoria Ave., Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Xiaoyan Ye** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"Yiyi Store"** located at # 123 BZE/CZL Rd., Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Shuyin Su** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"DK 24/7 Service Station"** located at # 126 Bze/CZL Rd., Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Xiaohua Peng** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"365 Friendly Restaurant"** located on Queen Victoria Ave., Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Xian Gui Li** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"Chen Hardware Store"** located on Zericote Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Aili Chen** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"Sun Luck Shop"** located on Zericote Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Guan Chuang Jie** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"Shanghai Restaurant"** located on Bze/CZL Rd., Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Jieyi Zhang** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"SK Restaurant"** located on Bze/CZL Rd., Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

How Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Bahamas, Belize, Jamaica, Aruba, Barbados, and Cayman Islands Lead the Caribbean Tourism Boom with Remarkable Growth: New Report You Need to Know

Travelandtourworld.com

The Caribbean's tourism sector has made a remarkable recovery, emerging stronger and more competitive in 2024. Key destinations like Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, Bahamas, Belize, Jamaica, Aruba, Barbados, and the Cayman Islands have all played pivotal roles in driving this growth, each showcasing unique strengths that attract millions of international visitors. Their ability to innovate, adapt, and appeal to a diverse range of travelers has solidified their position as leaders in the region's booming tourism market.

In the first half of 2024, the Caribbean saw international arrivals grow by 10% year-on-year, a significant achievement considering global tourism arrivals remain 16% below pre-pandemic levels. Even more impressive is the 13% growth compared to 2019, indicating the region's recovery has not only matched but surpassed pre-pandemic numbers. While the rest of the Americas exhibited a 15% growth, the Caribbean's consistent upward trajectory reflects its resilience and adaptability.

Each destination has contributed uniquely to this success. Puerto Rico leads with an 18% year-on-year increase, driven by improved air connectivity and robust demand from U.S. cities. The Dominican Republic, another powerhouse, boasts a 12% rise, thanks to enhanced access from cities like Orlando. Smaller destinations like Belize have shown extraordinary growth, with international arrivals up by 30%, highlighting the effectiveness of direct flights and targeted marketing strategies.

Leisure travel remains the backbone of this recovery, with arrivals up by 11% year-on-year, while business travel lags behind at just 3% growth, reflecting the ongoing preference for virtual meetings. However, premium travel segments are thriving, with high-end cabin bookings surging by 39% year-on-year, reinforcing the Caribbean's enduring appeal to luxury travelers. Destinations like Turks and Caicos, Cayman Islands, and U.S. Virgin Islands have been standout performers in this category.

Family travel has also emerged as a key driver of growth, with arrivals of family-sized groups increasing by 13% in 2024. Curaçao leads this segment with a 38% rise, closely followed by destinations like Belize, Aruba, and Sint Maarten. Meanwhile, destinations like Jamaica and Barbados continue to attract diverse travelers, leveraging their rich culture and breathtaking landscapes.

The question now is how these destinations will maintain their momentum as other international markets like Asia reopen and compete for market share. For the Caribbean, the challenge lies in staying innovative, fostering sustainability, and offering unique experiences that resonate with travelers in an increasingly competitive global tourism landscape.

Belize: A Rising Star in Caribbean Tourism

Belize is making waves in the Caribbean tourism landscape with its remarkable growth and unique offerings. Known for its lush rainforests, stunning coral reefs, and ancient Mayan ruins, this small but vibrant country has captured the imagination of travelers seeking both adventure and tranquility. Belize's strategic focus on improving connectivity and promoting its natural and cultural treasures has fueled its impressive rise as a must-visit destination.

In the first half of 2024, Belize led the mid-tier Caribbean destinations with an astounding 30% year-on-year growth in international arrivals. This growth has been driven primarily by the U.S. market, with bookings from New York surging by +91% compared to 2023, thanks to the introduction of new direct flights in December. This boost highlights the importance of connectivity in expanding Belize's tourism reach.

Belize has experienced noteworthy growth in its hotel sector, particularly in Ambergris Caye. By June 2024, occupancy rates in the region had reached an impressive 56.2%, exceeding pre-pandemic rates from 2019. The Average Daily Rate (ADR) also showed significant improvement, standing at $270.21, which represents an increase of nearly $50 compared to 2019.

Belize welcomed 0.46 million tourists in 2023, a jump from 0.37 million in 2022, demonstrating its steady recovery and increasing popularity. Beyond its world-famous Great Blue Hole and breathtaking barrier reef, Belize offers visitors the chance to immerse themselves in its rich cultural heritage and pristine natural landscapes. Eco-tourism and adventure travel remain key pillars of its tourism strategy, drawing travelers who want authentic and sustainable experiences.

As Belize continues to thrive, it's setting an example for other mid-tier Caribbean destinations. With its unmatched blend of natural beauty and cultural richness, combined with strategic growth efforts, Belize is not just keeping pace but leading the charge in the Caribbean's booming tourism sector.

Belize: Where Adventure Awaits

Top Cities and Attractions

Belize City
Must-Visit: Belize Barrier Reef, Museum of Belize, and Swing Bridge.
Things to Do: Dive or snorkel at Hol Chan and Shark Ray Alley.

San Ignacio
Must-Visit: Xunantunich, ATM Cave, and Cahal Pech.
Things to Do: Explore Mayan ruins and enjoy jungle adventures.

Placencia
Must-Visit: Silk Caye and Laughing Bird Caye.
Things to Do: Kayak, snorkel, and relax on tranquil beaches.

Ambergris Caye
Must-Visit: Secret Beach, Hol Chan Marine Reserve, and Mexico Rocks.
Things to Do: Dive the Great Blue Hole and enjoy beachside bars.

Orange Walk
Must-Visit: Lamanai and Crooked Tree Wildlife Sanctuary.
Things to Do: Explore ancient ruins and bird-watch in serene settings.

CILTrust International Inc.

Tenya International Co. Ltd. # 000001448
("the Company")

Notice is hereby given that the Company named **Tenya International Co. Ltd.** has been dissolved and struck off the Belize Companies & Corporate Affairs Registry Register with effect from the 4th December, 2024.

CILTrust International Limited
Registered Agent

NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF DISSOLUTION

Notice is hereby given to all interested parties that the following companies ("the Companies") Registered under the Belize Companies Act 2022 commenced dissolution as follows:

Name of Company	Date of Commencement of Dissolution	Liquidator Name & Address
KMK TRANSPORT LTD.	16th December, 2024	Marie Kathleen Sandra Yan-Kai Hew Khee of C239, Block C, The Junction Business Hub, Calabasses, Mauritius
XANTHIA CORPORATION	16th December, 2024	Mrs. Yan Kai Hew Khee Sandra of C239, Block C, The Junction Business Hub, Calabasses, Mauritius
AAA INTERNATIONAL LTD.	16th December, 2024	Mrs. Yan Kai Hew Khee Sandra of C239, Block C, The Junction Business Hub, Calabasses, Mauritius
ERCIL LTD.	08th January, 2025	Cr. Conrado Dartayete Rey of Rincon 602, Suite 601, Montevideo, Uruguay

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BY ORDER OF MORTGAGEE
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO SELL

HOLY REDEEMER CREDIT UNION LIMITED a statutory body formed and registered under the Credit Union Act, Chapter 314 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, and whose registered office is situated at No. 1 Hyde's Lane, Belize City, Belize District hereby gives notice of its intention to exercise its power of sale as Mortgagee under and by virtue of a Deed of Mortgage registered at the Land Titles Unit between **MAVIS WILLIAMS** of the one part and **HRCU** of the other part.

HRCU will at the expiration of three months from the date of the first publication of this notice sell the property described in the Schedule below.

ALL offers to purchase the said property must be made in writing to Holy Redeemer Credit Union Limited from whom full particulars and conditions of sale may be obtained.

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT lot, piece, or parcel of land being Lot No. 2, comprising 1,181.421 square metres situate in the Lord's Bank Road, Ladyville Village, Belize District, being such land comprised in Grant No. 213 of 1995 dated 12th September 1995 and more particularly shown and delineated on a Plan of Survey by M. E. Sanchez, Licensed Land Surveyor, recorded at the Office of the Commissioner of Lands and Surveys, Belmopan City, Cayo District in Register No. 14, Entry No. 2531TOGETHER with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon the freehold property of MAVIS WILLIAMS

DATED this 20th day of January 2025

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Eulogy
Abraham Nicholson

Abraham Nicholson was born on the 16th of march 1954 to Sabas Nicholson and Nemencia Uk; he attended Xaibe Primary School. He served as an altar boy at this very same church. In 1965, he was enrolled at Xavier College. He was a good student and he was very popular, Abraham starred as the captain of the high school's football team. While attending Xavier College, he met and fell madly in love with his "india". Immediately after high school he became a primary school teacher.

Abraham then landed his dream job as an insurance agent for the British American Insurance Co. Ltd. There, he met the late Vildo Marin and Ms. Angelica Gonzalez, the owners of the first broom factory in Belize, Vildo and Angelica became his friends who became his family.

Abraham assisted his friends in the delivery of brooms and traveled everywhere with them.

Abraham's first government job was as a clerical assistant at the Ministry of Works.

Then in 1978, he became the first registering officer for the newly formed Elections and Boundaries Department, where he worked for 17 years.

He soon became the proud father of his 3 children, Ivor, Emir, and Andrea, whom he always went above and beyond for.

A dark era in his life was in 1995, as he was one of the 800 public officers who were retrenched.

In 1997 he joined the Atlantic Insurance Co. Ltd as an insurance agent, a job he loved because it gave him the opportunity to do what he did best—meeting a diverse number of people whom, of course, he befriended. Here he built his legacy as 'Mr. Nick, the insurance man. He was a true pioneer and excelled in this field which was always proven when he kept being the agent of the month continuously. He retired at the age of 65.

In 2011, he suffered another major loss after losing both his mother and father, his beloved son Emir.

'Mr. Nick', as he was affectionately known, was completely committed and devoted to his family, they always came first.

In 2013, he gained another son, Paul Randall Haylock, Jr., who he cherished and appreciated very much, especially, for making him a grandfather to his precious Josh and Kai. We most certainly cannot fail to mention his daughter-in-law Maria Hau, who he cared for deeply and who has always been there for him and his "india".

He was just shy of 5 months to celebrating his 50th wedding anniversary.

Mr. Nick accomplished many things, he was the 1st tacos and hot dog vendor in Corozal Town. He was the president of the 1st Corozal Scouts Parent Association and, of course, all his children were scouts. Don Abram was also a past president of the rotary club of Belize, Corozal

Chapter, president of the Public Service Union, Corozal Branch, and while he accomplished and excelled at so many things and more, all of these could not top his greatest accomplishment which was being the best father and grandfather.

Don abram, as everyone knew, was a very patriotic individual, he loved his September celebrations and anything that highlighted Belize.

He loved music and would sit on his porch for hours just listening to music and doing a crossword puzzle or reading his newspaper, oh, and how can we ever forget the love he had for his beloved PUP party; he never failed to show proudly his unwavering support for his PUP.

Don Abram will be missed greatly.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

BELIZE Social Investment Fund

REQUEST FOR BIDS

IDB Inter-American Development Bank

Belize
Water and Sanitation Program for Rural Areas
BL-L1045 (5753/OC-BL)
Supply and installation of Bulk Meters for selected communities

1. This Invitation for Bids follows the General Procurement Notice for this Project that appeared in Development Business, issue no. ***BL-L1045-P00018*** of ***10th January 2025***

2. The ***Government of Belize*** (the "Borrower") has received financing from the Inter-American Development Bank toward the cost of ***Water and Sanitation Program for Rural Areas BL-L1045 (5753/OC-BL)*** and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this financing to payments under the Contract for ***Supply and installation of Bulk Meters for selected communities [BL-L1045-P00018]***

3. The ***Belize Social Investment Fund*** now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the ***Supply and installation of Bulk Meters for selected communities***. The nature of the project includes, but not limited to the following:

Supply and Installation of Bulk Meters in 20 communities listed below:

Belize
Rock Stone Pond
La Democracia

Orange Walk
Carmelita
San Felipe
San Estevan

Cayo
Armenia
Cristo Rey
Valley of Peace
San Antionio

Stann Creek
Hope Creek
Red Bank
Santa Rosa
Pomona

Corozal
San Narciso
Progresso
Patchakan
August Pine Ridge

Toledo
Big Falls
Bella Vista
San Jose/NaLuum Ca

4. The Request for Bids will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedures specified in the Inter-American Development Bank's Policies for the Procurement of Works and Goods financed by the Inter-American Development Bank, and is open to all bidders from Eligible Source Countries as defined in the Policies.

5. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from ***Belize Social Investment Fund***, ***Procurement officer, kyla.cho@sifbelize.org*** and inspect the bidding document at the address given below from ***Monday to Friday at 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (local Belize time).***

Qualifications requirements include:
Financial Capability:
(i) Evidence of working capital or liquid assets for this Contract (access to line(s) of credit and availability of other financial resources) equal to 10% percent of the estimated value of the item/lot

Experience and Technical Capacity
(i) contractors shall have experience in at ***least 1 work*** of a similar nature and size for each of the ***last 3 years***

6. A margin of preference for certain goods manufactured domestically *shall not* be applied. Additional details are provided in the Bidding Documents.

7. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English may be obtained by interested bidders on the submission of a written request to the email address below.The Bidding Documents will be sent back by e-mail.

8. Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before ***10th February 2025 at 10:00 am***. Electronic bidding ***will not*** be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person or on-line at the address below at ***10th February 2025 at 10:15a.m*** All bids must be accompanied by a ***Bid-Securing Declaration***.

9. The address(es) referred to above is(are):

1. Address for Correspondence

Procurement Officer
Belize Social Investment Fund
Building C
4253 Hummingbird Highway
Belmopan, Belize
Telephone: 822-0239 or 822-0508/9
E-mail: kyla.cho@sifbelize.org
cc:***carlos.tun@sifbelize.org***
angeles.itzab@sifbelize.org

2. Address for Bid Submission and Bid Opening

Executive Director
Belize Social Investment Fund
Building C
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CALL FOR PROPOSALS:

Consultancy Services for the Comprehensive Review of the Labour Act in Belize

PURPOSE:

The Ministry of Rural Transformation, Community Development, Labour and Local Government is inviting proposals from qualified consultancy firms to conduct a comprehensive review of the Labour Chapter 297, Revised Edition 2020.

OBJECTIVES OF THE CONSULTANCY:

The objective of this consultancy is to engage a qualified consultancy firm to conduct a comprehensive review of the Labour Act, Chapter 297, Revised Edition 2020, with the aim of modernizing the Act and streamlining related legislations. This includes identifying areas for improvement, preparing recommendations for legislative changes that align with current labour standards and Belize's evolving needs, and drafting the necessary amendments.

MAIN ACTIVITIES:

(i) **Inception Report:** Submit a detailed work plan, methodology, and timeline for the review process within two weeks of contract signing.

(ii) **Situational and Policy Analysis Report:** Prepare an in-depth assessment of the current Labour Act, and related legislations based on public and stakeholders' consultations, interviews and a thorough desk review of key documentation, national regional, and international legislative records and any other relevant materials obtained through independent research using both quantitative and qualitative methodologies.

(iii) **Conduct Public and Stakeholders Consultation:** Coordination with the Labour Act Review Committee, the Ministry of Labour and representatives of the ILO, to conduct consultations with social partners and national stakeholders.

(iv) **Drafting of the White paper and the and Modernized Labour Act:** Prepare multiple drafts of the modernized Labour Act and overseeing the consultations conducted regarding these drafts.

(v) **Presentation of Draft Legislation:** Present the draft legislation to key stakeholders, including the Review Committee, Ministry of Labour, and the ILO.

(vi) **Final Report and Legislative Draft:** Produce a final version of the Modernized Labour Act.

QUALIFICATIONS, EXPERIENCE AND ELIGIBILITY OF CONSULTANCY FIRM

Consultancy firms seeking to undertake this consultancy must ensure that team members within the firm possess the following:

- A Law Degree (LLB) with at least ten (10) years of post-qualification experience in practicing law in Belize or the Caribbean, including experience in employment law.
- Demonstrated experience in legislative drafting and legal reform processes.
- A member in good standing with the Belize Bar Association or a recognized home-country Bar Association.
- In-depth knowledge of Belize's legal system, including the Labour Act and other labour laws, as well as familiarity with CARICOM Model Laws.
- Strong knowledge of Labour Market and Labour economics.
- Understanding of ILO Conventions and their application.
- Strong analytical, research, and communication skills.
- Ability to conduct qualitative and quantitative research.
- Experience in facilitating public and stakeholder consultations.
- Proficiency in English and Spanish.
- Ability to work independently and collaboratively.
- Sound judgment, strategic thinking, and the ability to manage competing project activities.
- Ability to produce high-quality outputs within time and budget.

SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS AND SELECTION PROCESS:

Each proposal should consist of the following:

1. **Curriculum Vitae:** A CV (2 pages maximum) highlighting the consultancy firm's experience in similar projects. It should include:
   - A summary of professional and academic qualifications, with emphasis on experience in legislative drafting, labour law, and legal reform.
   - Examples of previous work where the firm has led or contributed to the drafting or modernization of legislation, particularly in labour or employment law, Rule of Law, legal frameworks, CARICOM Model Law, knowledge of government processes, social dialogue, industrial relations, ILO Conventions, Recommendations and Protocols, and supervisory systems.
   - Detailed experience in stakeholder engagement, particularly in conducting consultations with diverse groups.
   - Relevant samples of work and/or hyperlinks to published material.

2. **Cover Letter:** A letter detailing the firm's interest in the position and its suitability for the role. It should outline the firm's understanding of the project scope and how its background aligns with the project's needs. Additionally, the letter should describe the proposed approach to managing the review and modernization of the Labour Act, including any unique strategies or methodologies. The letter should also indicate the firm's availability for the duration of the consultancy.

3. **Technical Proposal:** This should include a brief methodology, including the firm's approach to reviewing existing legislation, conducting stakeholder consultations, drafting new legislation, and finalizing the legislative framework. A draft timeline for the key deliverables (see section VI, paragraphs (i) to (iv) of the Terms of Reference) should be included. The proposal should also detail how the firm will ensure adherence to international labour standards while aligning with Belize's legal and socio-economic context.
   - The consultancy is expected to begin in March 2025 and complete the project by March 2026.
   - The schedule and method for stakeholder consultations will be determined jointly after the selection process, based on stakeholder availability.

4. **Price Proposal:** A price proposal that includes all consultancy fees and related expenses. Meetings and workshop costs will be covered by the Ministry.

5. **References:** Provide at least three professional references from previous clients or employers who can attest to the firm's capabilities in legal drafting and legislative review. Include contact details for each reference.

6. Incomplete proposals will not be considered.

7. The full Terms of Reference may be requested from labour.comm@labour.gov.bz.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE:
All submissions must be made by 31st January 2025 at 4:00pm to:

Labour Commissioner
Ministry of Rural Transformation, Community Development, Labour and Local Government, 5163 University Boulevard, Belmopan City, **CAYO**

NOTICE

GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE TREASURY BILLS
ISSUE NUMBER 2/2025

Tenders are invited for an issue of Government of Belize Treasury Bills. The amount of the issue will be $64,391,800.00.

The Bills will be issued in electronic form only evidenced by an electronic book entry in the Central Securities Depository (CSD) of the Central Bank of Belize in multiples of $200 and will be repayable at par 91 days after issue. They will be issued on Tuesday, 21 January 2025 and will be redeemed on Tuesday, 22 April 2025.

Each tender must be for $200 or a multiple of $200 and must specify to five decimal places the amount, which is offered for each one hundred dollars face value of the Bills sought.

Members of the public who wish to participate in the auction must submit their bid to the Central Bank of Belize electronically to bids@centralbank.org.bz or at the designated drop off box no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, 17 January 2025.

The Auction in the Central Securities Depository System (CSD) will be opened from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm on Tuesday 21 January 2025.

Successful bidders should arrange to settle via the Automated Payment & Securities Settlement System of Belize (APSSS).

Bank: Central Bank of Belize
Account: GLICORP0402627

The Government of Belize reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all tenders in whole or in part.

CENTRAL BANK OF BELIZE

Notices are placed on Central Bank of Belize Website (www.centralbank.org.bz)

2 January 2025

PACT
Protected Areas Conservation Trust

VACANCY NOTICE

Human Resources Manager

The Human Resources Manager leads PACT's Human Resources Department operationally and strategically, ensuring that human resources functions and services are clearly defined and fully aligned with organizational priorities. With a particular focus on Strategic and Workforce Planning; Employee Engagement, Relations, and Work-Life Quality; Capacity Development; Change Management; Policy Review, Development, and Implementation; Performance Management; Risk Management; Compliance; Compensation and Benefits; Talent Acquisition, Retention, and Management; Information Management; and Culture Building, the Human Resources Manager adeptly balances and integrates organizational and employee interests and needs for overall success.

Requirements:

- **Required:** Master's Degree in Human Resources Management, Human Resources Development, Organizational Psychology, Organizational Leadership, or closely related field
- **Asset:** Certification in one or more areas of Human Resources specialization; Professional Human Resources certification
- **Required:** Minimum of five (5) years management experience, including at least one (1) year of Human Resources Management experience

The full job description is available at www.pactbelize.org. Packages must be submitted electronically and must include signed application letter, resume, certified copies of academic certificates, current police record (receipt can be submitted initially) and a list of two professional references (names and contact information only) no later than 5:00 p.m. Friday, February 7th, 2025. Only complete packages will be processed. Packages should be addressed to:

Human Resources
info@pactbelize.org with copy to ed@pactbelize.org
Re: Human Resources Manager Vacancy

PACT is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate against protected characteristics (gender, age, sexual orientation, race, nationality, ethnicity, religion, disability).

PACT is not liable for any costs incurred by applicants in submission of their application.

BELIZE Social Investment Fund

GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE

BELIZE SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND (BSIF) III CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR FINANCE COORDINATOR

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI)

The **Government of Belize (GOBZ)** has received financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) towards the cost of implementing the Belize Social Investment Fund III and the Basic Needs Trust Fund Tenth Programme and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this financing to eligible payments under a contract for which this invitation is issued. Payments by CDB will be made only at the request of GOBZ and upon approval by CDB and will be subject in all respects to the terms and conditions of the Financing Agreement. The Financing Agreement prohibits withdrawal from the financing account for the purpose of any payment to persons or entities, or for any import of goods, if such payment or import, to the knowledge of CDB, is prohibited by a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations. No party other than GOBZ shall derive any rights from the Financing Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Financing.

The Belize Social Investment Fund (BSIF) the Executing Agency, now wishes to procure consultancy services for a **Finance Coordinator.**

The objective of the consultancy is to strengthen the financial capacity of BSIF. The Consultant will be responsible for the formulation and operation of the financial system, preparing budgetary and financial reports, financial statements, the annual budget, withdrawals, and disbursement requests and supervising the internal audits and management information system. The duration of the assignment is expected to be a period of two (2) years, extendable by mutual agreement in accordance with prevailing Belize legislation as well as results of his/her performance appraisal.

Further details can be found in the Terms of Reference, which can be obtained from Address 1 below or can be found as an attachment to this REOI.

BSIF now invites interested eligible individual consultants to submit Expressions of Interest indicating qualifications and experience required to provide these consultancy services.

Consultants shall be eligible to participate if:
(a) the persons are citizens or bona fide residents of an eligible country; and
(b) in all cases, the consultant has no arrangement and undertakes not to make any arrangements, whereby any substantial part of the net profits or other tangible benefits of the contract will accrue or be paid to a person not a citizen or bona fide resident of an eligible country.

Eligible countries are member countries of CDB. Consultants are advised to review the detailed eligibility criteria detailed in Section 4 and conflict of interest provisions in Section 5 of the Procurement Procedures for Projects Financed by CDB (January 2021), as published on CDB's website.

In the assessment of submissions, consideration will be given to qualifications and experience on similar assignments.

All information must be submitted in **English**. Further information may be obtained from the **first address** below between **8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (Belize Time)** hours Monday to Friday.

The Expressions of Interest must be received electronically at the **first address** (BSIF) below (submissions@sifbelize.org) and copied to (stephanie.rodriguez@sifbelize.org) no later than **Monday, 3rd February 2025 at 4:00 p.m. (Central Standard Time)**. An electronic copy of the EOI must be simultaneously emailed to CDB at the **second address** below. The subject line of the email containing each submission shall be clearly marked **"Expression of Interest – Consultancy Services for Finance Coordinator for BSIF"**.

Following the assessment of submissions, the most technically capable and appropriately experienced applicant will be invited to negotiate a contract to provide the consultancy services. BSIF reserves the right to accept or reject late applications or to cancel the present invitation partially or in its entirety. It will not be bound to assign any reason for not engaging the services of any applicant and will not defray any costs incurred by any applicant in the preparation and submission of Expressions of Interest.

Addresses:

1. Procurement Officer
Belize Social Investment Fund
Building C
4253 Hummingbird Highway, Belmopan
BELIZE
Tel. (501) 822-0239; Fax. (501) 822-0279
Email: submissions@sifbelize.org
cc: stephanie.rodriguez@sifbelize.org

2. Caribbean Development Bank
Email: procurement@caribank.org
cc: omar.bispat@caribank.org

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